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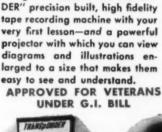
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The public has had a very real opportunity to witness the tremendous educational value of television, as well as radio. Our GI's too, through the facilities of radio, are constantly in touch with home and with Federal action through the medium of the Armed

Forces Radio Service.

We had the opportunity, but a few weeks ago, to travel with personnel of the AFRS on assignment to Travis Air Base in California. Our mission was to take color cover shots of the remote recording crew in action, and to observe the techniques used by the AFRS in the recording of programs for subsequent dubbing, pressing, and dis-tribution to our GI's throughout the world. But that is a story in itself and will be told in a later issue. point we would like to stress is that the morale of the American GI, and we were able to interview many, is maintained at a high level through news from home and from "de-commercialized" entertainment broadcast through the AFRS channels comprising the largest radio network in the world. AFRS overseas outlets now total 60 standard wave broadcasting stations. In the zone of the interior, its bedside network consists of 46 carrier stations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force hospitals.

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In an encyclopedic report, noting that the FCC is proposing a . . . "partial lifting of the TV freeze" . . . it was disclosed that a new plan had been prepared providing, technically, for nearly 2000 ultra-high and very-high stations in more than 1200 communities, as compared with about 400 stations in 140 market areas under the present channel assignment plan.

The ultra-high portion of the spectrum received the bulk of the new allocations in the proposal, with from 65 to 70 six megacycle bands suggested, the number depending on a decision, yet to be reached, as to the ultimate use of the 470 to 500 megacycle band (five channels), which the telephone companies have requested for mobile operations. Thus, if the phone utilities do not win the band, the first of the new channels, or Channel 14 will begin at 470; otherwise Channel 14 will be located at 500 megacycles.

A gain of ten channels is indicated in the new plan, or fifty-two against forty-two suggested in the July 11, 1949 program, with thirteen or eighteen channels being set aside for supplemental and experimental work. The intermixing plan, one of the most debated issues during the hearings, appeared to impress the Commissioners. and thus provisions for mixing the ultra-highs and very-highs, or Channels 14 to 65 and 2 to 13, were included in the allocation schedule. Supporting this view, the Commission said that it was reasonable to assume that the economic problems will be faced by broadcasters who enter the new channels, in areas where the two-to-thirteen telecasters are in operation. However, similar problems confronted the veryhigh broadcasters prior to increased receiver distribution in their respective areas. Therefore, declared the Commissioners, if the entire ultra-high band should be allocated for regular television broadcasting, all receivers will have to be built to receive both types of bands. If the intermixture were avoided, there might be receiver

design and distribution confusion, and it would be necessary to limit many areas to one or two standard band stations, even though ultra-high assignments were available and additional stations could be supported financially, the gentlemen from Washington ar-Moreover, they pointed out, very-high stations are capable of providing a greater coverage than the new band type stations. Hence a more extensive service will become available where some very-high assignments appear in as many communities as possible, than where only very-high assignments appear in some areas, and only ultra-high provisions are made in the other communities. In their opinion, the adoption of any non-intermixture program would constitute a short-term view of the problem.

The new plan will undoubtedly provoke quite a few broadcasters who are being asked to shift their channels. Specifically, there are thirty-one alterations suggested. In Cleveland, Syracuse (New York) and Rochester (New York), the Commission has indicated that WXEL should use Channel 8 instead of 9; WSYR-TV use Channel 3 instead of 5; and WHAM-TV go to Channel 5 and give up Channel 6. These changes were recommended to provide a more equitable distribution of channels between this country and Canada. Interference reduction was offered as the need for the suggested alterations for the remaining 28 channels. In the main, the new assignments involve a shift of a channel above or below. However, there are several who are being asked to accept a healthy switch in frequencies. For instance, WTTV in Bloomington, Indiana, may have to drop to Channel 4, from its present 10; WBKB, Chicago, from 4 to 2; WSB-TV, Atlanta, Georgia, from 8 to 11; WHIO-TV, Dayton, Ohio, from 13 to 7; WJAC-TV, Johnstown, Penna., from 13 to 6; WHAS-TV, Louisville, Kentucky, from 9 to 11; WTAR-TV, from 4 to 10; and WDEL-TV, Wilmington, Delaware, from 7 to 12.

Power increases represent another highlight of the new plan, with population being a major factor in the determination, and interference also being considered. A minimum effective radiated power of 50 kilowatts has been suggested for a station serving a city with a population of a million or more; 10 kilowatts for one catering to

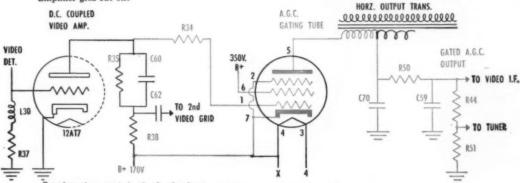


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a population of between 250,000 and a million; 2 kilowatts for service to 50,000 to 250,000; and 1 kilowatt for those areas with a population under 50,000. In each instance, the powers would vary with the heights of the antenna. Super powers may also be permitted, with 100 kilowatts for the 2-to-6 channel stations and 200 kilowatts for all above, or Channels 7 to 83.

Reviewing the city-to-city separations which are believed to be tolerable with higher powers and other changes, the Commission stated that because of the improvements which can result from offset carrier operation, it would only be necessary to have minimum co-channel separation of 180 miles for the 2-to-13 channel stations and 165 miles for the higherband stations. Previously, separations of 220 and 200 miles had been proposed. For transmitters operating on the same channels, the minimum separation would be 170 miles for the very-high stations and 155 miles for the ultra-high occupants. The adjacent-channel separation scene has been modified, too, with normal separations of 70 miles recommended for the veryhigh band and 65 miles for the new band stations, instead of 110 and 100 miles previously believed to be necessary. Minimum separation of transmitters operating on the adjacent channels could be 60 miles for the present-band systems and 55 for the newer stations. Generally, declared the Commission, adjacent-channel interference has not been of a serious nature and such problems as do exist can be solved to a very considerable extent by improvements in receiver design which are neither difficult nor costly. This belief led to the reduction in city-to-city separation, thus making possible a greater number of assign-

Set manufacturers were told in the report that they were expected to use the 41.25 megacycle intermediate frequency adopted by the RTMA, and that, in addition, efforts were to be made to reduce oscillation radiation.

The territories of Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands fared quite well in the new-band plan, receiving a full green light for the very-high channels. Alaska was told that she could have fifteen channels; Hawaii, sixteen channels; Puerto Rico, eight channels; and the Virgin Islands, three channels. In addition, channels were set aside for educational purposes. At present, there are no authorizations or pending applications for TV stations in these areas, and it is expected that it won't be long before the race to file will be a merry one.

Education received quite a block of the spectrum in the allocation setup, with two hundred and nine assignments suggested; eighty-two in the very-high and one hundred and twenty-seven in the ultra-high bands. Pointing out that the need for noncommercial educational TV was amply demonstrated during the hearings,

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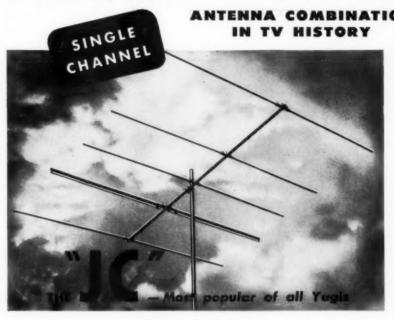
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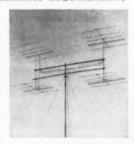


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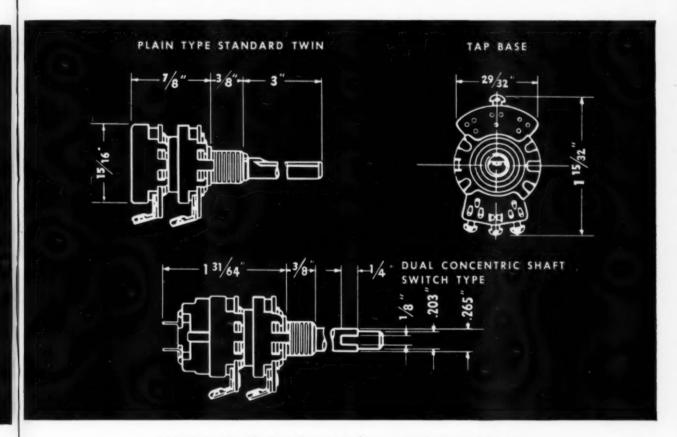
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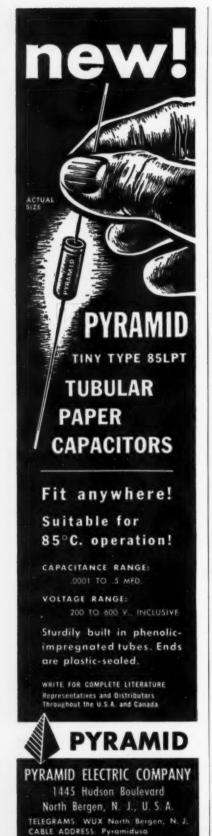
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THE BELL SYSTEM has announced that network television has been extended to Binghamton, New York, the 43rd such city receiving network service.

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W. G. MANY, who for the past twelve years has been advertising and sales

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WILLIAM P. SHORT has been named chief engineer of General Precision Laboratory of Pleasantville, New

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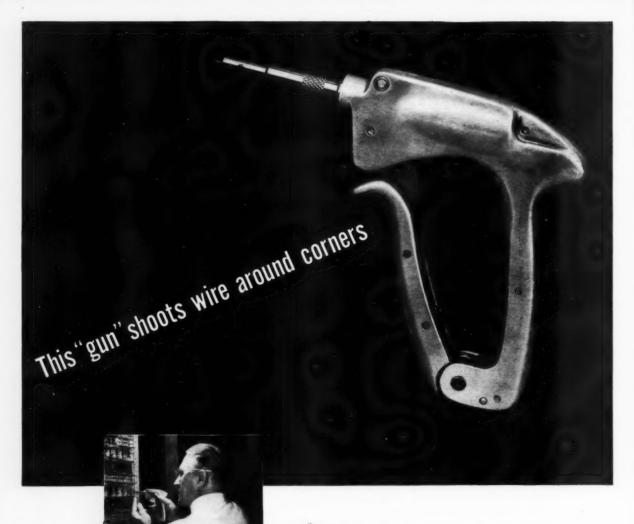
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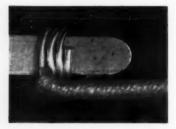




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Thousands of men in over 800 communities are acquiring new radio skills under the Navy's reorganized Reserve training setup.

HERE are no raised eyebrows or questioning glances when a group of sailors enters the County Jail at Angleton, Texas every Tuesday night. The citizens of that southern Texas city realize that in this case "stone walls do not a prison make." Naval Reserve Electronics Platoon 8-30 has its quarters in the County Jail and the sailors are gathering to attend the weekly instructional period.

Like the group in Angleton, communications and electronics enthusiasts in some 800 cities and towns throughout the United States assemble each week to receive training as members of the Naval Reserve. They don't all meet in jails, of course. A large percentage use the facilities of Naval Reserve Training Centers. In areas where training centers are not available, local civic authorities and private citizens have cooperated in providing meeting places, under permit or lease arrangements with the Navy.

Procurement of suitable quarters for the electronics and communication equipment supplies has been a problem in this era of housing shortages. Quarters used by electronics units, apart from training centers, are designated Naval Reserve Electronics Facilities or Naval Reserve Electronics Stations, depending on the size of the installation and the number of personnel to be trained. Facilities and Stations are found at colleges, universities, elementary schools, high schools, city halls, fire houses, post offices, police stations, federal buildings, airports, hospitals, and in a variety of private structures, including almost everything from hardware stores to bank buildings, and even a casket factory.

The purpose of the Naval Reserve is to provide a force of qualified officers and enlisted personnel who are avail-

able for mobilization in the event of a national emergency. The Naval Reserve Electronics Program is designed to meet this requirement in the case of operational and technical electronics personnel. Inaugurated in 1946, and reorganized in 1950, the Electronics Program includes onethird of all personnel in Organized Reserve units at Naval Reserve Training Centers, in addition to the many hundreds of persons associated with Companies and Platoons at Naval Reserve Electronics Facilities and Stations. The Electronics Program is the most extensive single program in the postwar Naval Reserve. The prewar counterpart of the Electronics Program was the Naval Communication Reserve, organized in 1925. The Communication Reserve was primarily a training ground for "communicators"radiomen, signalmen, and communication officers. Instruction in radio theory and equipment was limited. There were no Electronics Technicians in the Navy in the days of the Communication Reserve. The war-born impetus accorded to the field of electronics has been recognized realistically in the new Naval Reserve by increased emphasis on training in both the operational and technical phases of electronics equipment.

#### "Electronics" Defined

The term "electronics" as used in the Naval Reserve Electronics Program is an all-inclusive term covering the many aspects of both technical electronics (maintenance and repair of equipment) and operational electronics (use of equipment). Persons in this program are called "electronics personnel," whether in training as electronics technicians or as radiomen. The Electronics Program, of course, embraces many additional ratings, as for example, Radarman, Sonarman, Quartermaster, Fire Control Technician, and Interior Communication Electrician. Officers associated with Electronics units are for the most part specialists interested in one or more of the broad fields of

communications, technical electronics, combat information center, or anti-submarine warfare.

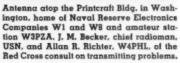
#### Organization

Electronics personnel is assigned to Organized Surface and Submarine Divisions of the Naval Reserve for training, utilizing facilities installed for this purpose at the Naval Reserve Training Centers. One or more of the Divisions training at each Training Center has electronics personnel assigned. In addition, electronics personnel is assigned to Organized Electronics Companies, Volunteer



One view of the Electronics Laboratory at the Naval Reserve Training Center in Charleston, South Carolina. Commander V. H. Conradt-Eberlin, district reserve electronics program officer; Lt. Commander E. E. Stephens, inspector-instructor; and C. J. Walker, radioman 2nd class, watch as Colon Baxley works on a chassis in lab.







F. A. Liberte gets some pointers from Chief Electronics Technician Willis L. Smith on troubleshooting a radio transmitter unit.



Members of the Organized Surface Division 8-73 at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Corpus Christi. Texas assist in the conversion of an Army radar unit to a hurricane warning radar unit. This instrument, which is the property of the A & I College in Kingsville, Texas, is being maintained by the Central Power and Light Company and is in operation at the Cliff Maus Airport in Corpus Christi, Texas.



Electronics Technician 2nd Class E. A. Brule demonstrates the proper use of a tube checker to naval electronic technicians.

Electronics Companies, and Volunteer Electronics Platoons. Except for the provision that Organized Companies must meet special personnel requirements and the fact that their members receive drill pay, there is no essential difference between an Organized Company and a Volunteer Company. Each is usually quartered at a Naval Reserve Electronics Facility and the available equipment is utilized equally by both. Volunteer Electronics Platoons, whose personnel allowance is smaller than that authorized for Companies, utilize the facilities of Naval Reserve Electronics Stations. Stations differ from Facilities only in space requirements and amount of equipment furnished. When Volunteer Companies and Platoons are organized in the immediate vicinity of a training center, they use the training center facilities. Organized Companies are not authorized in locations where Organized Surface, Submarine, or Air units are established.

#### Widespread Facilities

There are 315 Naval Reserve Training Centers now equipped and operating. Quotas assigned to Naval Districts provide for 500 Naval Reserve Electronics Facilities and 750 Naval Reserve Electronics Stations. Actual establishment is effected as training needs dictate. Certain minimum personnel requirements govern the activation of Companies and Platoons, for which Facilities and Stations are furnished. Approximately 500 Facilities and Stations have been established to date.

#### Equipment

Each of the Naval Reserve Training Centers has a complete electronics installation, which includes an electronics laboratory, complete with test and measurement instruments, and radio, radar and sonar equipment. Each Electronics Facility and Station has a similar set-up, but on a scale in keeping with the smaller number of personnel to be trained. In addition, each Training Center, Facility, and Station has an operative radio station.

The standard equipment allowance lists include quantities of electronics equipment, completely operable units, as well as component parts for original construction projects. Much modern shipboard equipment is available for realistic training.

The Navy has made a large dollars-and-cents' investment in the training program for Naval Reserve electronics personnel. Actually, the program only starts with the equipment and facilities. What really makes it tick is the personnel, both the members of individual units, and the supporting personnel within the Naval Districts and in the Navy Department in Washington. All officers of the Naval Establishment perform the same duties for the Naval Reserve as they perform for the Regular Navy. To provide further support, the Navy retains on active duty a limited number of Naval Reserve officers and men in billets concerned solely with the administration and training of the Naval Reserve.

#### Administration

The Chief of Naval Personnel has management control over the organization and training of the Naval Reserve Electronics Program. Commandants of Naval Districts effect administration at district level. Since training is the basic function of the Naval Reserve, the District Director of Training has primary cognizance of the program. Assigned to the office of each Director of Training is a Naval Reserve officer who is responsible for the implementation of the Electronics Program within the district. He is known as the District Reserve Electronics Program Officer (DREPO). Most DREPO's and their assistants are both former members of the prewar Naval Communication Reserve and licensed radio amateurs. All are veterans of World War II. They bring to the Electronics Program many years of experience plus a practical knowledge and understanding of Reserve matters. Working with the DREPO is a Reserve Operational Communication Officer, who is thoroughly familiar with the District Reserve Communication Network and other aspects of training in operational communications. Also assigned to the Director of Training are officers who work on the technical electronics, Combat Information Center, and Anti-Submarine Warfare phases of the Program.

#### Training

Training of electronics personnel in the Naval Reserve is of two general types, individual and team. Each individual is trained in the skills required in his specialty and in the application of those skills while functioning as a member of an integrated operational team. The Chief of Naval

Personnel provides curricula for use in the training of each electronics rating and furnishes study and instruction material, including training aids, developed to support the curricula. Correspondence courses in a wide range of general and specialized subjects also are made available to both officers and enlisted personnel for home study.

Team training is associated with three principal operational electronics fields: Communications, Combat Information Center, and Anti-Submarine Warfare. In providing for team training, the Chief of Naval Personnel receives the guidance and assistance of officers within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. For example, the Director, Naval Communications, plans for and supervises the Naval Reserve Communication System, which is the principal means for team training in operational communications.

Each Naval District publishes a Naval Reserve Electronics Bulletin for members of the Electronics Program. These Bulletins, which are a valuable adjunct to training, contain timely information on the Electronics Program, items of general interest to Reservists, and useful articles on operational and technical electronics.

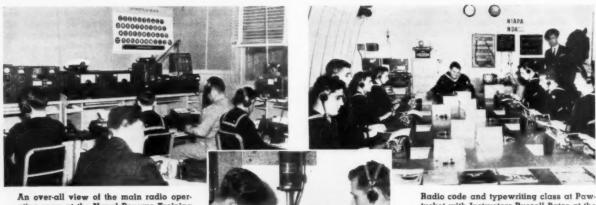


J. L. Fairchild, radioman 2nd class, prepares equipment for code practice transmission from Navy radio station, N1RRF.

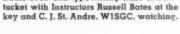


Station W5USN, Eighth Naval District Reserve Master Control Station, New Orleans. Left to right are: Commander J. M. McCoy, W5OM; Lt. Commander J. J. Zammit, W5HKP; Chief Radioman F. C. Burt, W5EGX; and Lt. Commander J. P. Foster, W5HNW.





ating room at the Naval Reserve Training Center located at Albuquerque, New Mex.



Robert H. Brown, quartermaster (signalman)

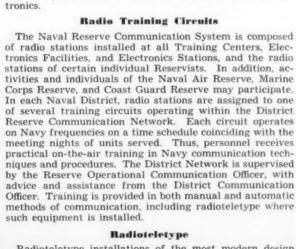


second class, instructing Houston Carl! in the operation of a direction finder at Organized Electronics Company 8-3, Waco, Tex.

The gyro room at the Naval Reserve Training Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico showing the Sperry gyro compass and the repeater panel board. Shown in the photograph standing (from L to r.) are A. Garcia, Lt. E. W. King, and C. R. Stanello. K. E.

Electronics Technicians C. B. Garcia and J. F. Talerico get practical experience in maintenance and repair of radio receivers.

The Naval Reserve Electronics Program offers an unusual opportunity to the youth who desires to break into the field of electronics. The well equipped laboratories and systematic instruction schedule combine to provide an interesting introduction to the art. The student starts out with basic electricity and works his way through the standard laboratory experiments to a level of knowledge where he may start an intensive study of radio leading to advanced electronics. The curriculum is so designed that an individual can advance according to his capabilities-he progresses from lesson to lesson just as rapidly as he completes each assignment. His progress is limited only by his ability and willingness to devote time to the study. Completion of required training leads to the rating of Electronics Technician in the Naval Reserve. Electronics Technicians not only perform valuable service to the nation in time of emergency by maintaining and repairing Navy electronics equipment, but their services are constantly sought by private industry during peace time.



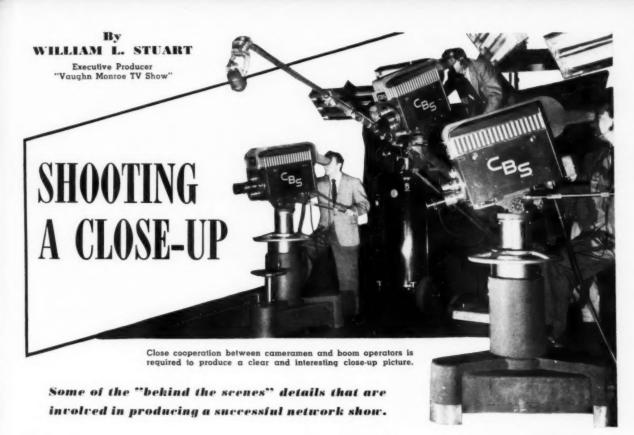


of radio stations installed at all Training Centers, Electronics Facilities, and Electronics Stations, and the radio stations of certain individual Reservists. In addition, activities and individuals of the Naval Air Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve may participate. In each Naval District, radio stations are assigned to one of several training circuits operating within the District Reserve Communication Network. Each circuit operates on Navy frequencies on a time schedule coinciding with the meeting nights of units served. Thus, personnel receives practical on-the-air training in Navy communication techniques and procedures. The District Network is supervised by the Reserve Operational Communication Officer, with advice and assistance from the District Communication Officer. Training is provided in both manual and automatic methods of communication, including radioteletype where

The knowledge gained through association with the Naval

Reserve gives a solid foundation for a career in elec-

Radioteletype installations of the most modern design are being completed in 75 Naval Reserve Training (Continued on page 128)



HERE has come to be, in this world, a species of man (and in a few instances, woman) who sees light only in terms of four rectangles which are approximately as large as a sheet of writing paper.

Three of these rectangles are the monitors which represent the pictures being shown at the moment in the three cameras which photograph a television show. The fourth represents the picture being sent over the air. The men (or an occasional gal) in question, are television directors, seated deep in a darkened room. Should they ever achieve any degree of suntan, it can only be because the monitors they look at have been miraculously hooked up with an ultra-violet lamp.

To get the feeling of a television control room, it is necessary to describe one. It operates, in most instances, on two levels. On the upper level sits the director, the man who runs the show. Don Appell, our director, who also conceives and stages each program, is flanked by the assistant director on his right, and by the technical supervisor and audio man on his left. On the level below are the technical men and their monitors. Each of the monitors is an "eye" which looks through a camera into the studio. Unwinkingly, they record what each of the three cameras we use is doing at each instant throughout the show. It is the director's duty to choose, at exactly the right instant, which of these three pictures shall be shown to the public, and in what order they shall be shown.

It is generally assumed that fifty hours comprises a fairly heavy work week. The work week on the Vaughn Monroe Show consists of about 90

This may sound hit or miss. It is not.

Monroe Show consists of about 90 hours in production and direction; and those hours are required to make sure that the three "evil eyes" of the monitors will be showing exactly the pictures wanted at the time they are wanted.

Some twenty-two to twenty-four hours of rehearsal goes into each show. But before that can happen, these things must be done:

(1) The music, selected by polling service camps throughout the country, must be rated.

(2) The pop tunes, as selected, must be fitted into a show.

(3) The numbers must be staged individually.

(4) The scenic designer must develop the setting for the program.

(5) The costumer and property men must shop to costume and dress the

(6) The lighting man must determine how the program is going to be lighted.

(7) The musical director and his staff of arrangers must provide orchestrations for all the instruments in the band.

To produce the pictures that appear on the three monitors in the control room, approximately 125 people spend an entire week readying the various elements needed. Having done that, it

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One of the television control boards at CBS showing the monitor screens.





Details for converting an early model 10" television receiver to either 12" or 16" operation. Cabinet is big enough to accommodate larger size picture tube.

N THE past many technicians have avoided small-screen conversion jobs as being time-consuming, low-profit service work. Even in cases where the service dealer was willing to take on such jobs, he made no particular effort to secure a volume of this type of work.

The reasons behind this disinterest ranged from a lack of suitable woodworking tools and skilled help to the lack of "know-how" for making such conversions. If television production is cut to any appreciable extent, technicians will find that requests for conversion jobs will increase and, happily, will afford a fairly painless way of increasing their shop incomes.

Such conversions are now relatively easy because the new rectangular filter-face or aluminized picture tubes can be used without any need to replace the receiver cabinet.

In this and in subsequent issues we will present data for converting several popular receivers, according to instructions drawn up by General Electric engineers. The first receiver to be covered is the General Electric Model

811. This popular console model is shown before conversion in Fig. 1 and after conversion in Fig. 2. The entire receiver should be brought into the shop for this conversion job. The cabi-

The conversion described in this article is a procedure which produced satisfactory results with respect to a General Electric Model 811. If a conversion is attempted on a similar model of an earlier or later date or on a different model from the same manufacturer, then additional adjustments and steps may be necessary. The changes which were made have not been approved by the manufacturer and may, therefore, invalidate the manufacturer's warranty.

net is big enough to accommodate either a 12 inch round or a fourteen, sixteen, or seventeen inch rectangular picture tube. Due to the relatively little difference between the "expanded" 12 inch mask and the rectangular 14 inch mask, as shown in Fig. 3, it is both cheaper and easier to convert this particular model to accommodate

 These conversion notes originally appeared in the October-November 1950 issue of "Technitalk" published by General Electric Tube Divs. the 12 inch 12LP4A round tube instead of the 14 inch 14CP4 rectanglar tube. This is because the deflection angle of the 14CP4 is 70 degrees whereas the 12LP4A is the same as the 10BP4 tube originally used in this receiver. Whenever a 70 degree picture tube is used to replace a 50 degree picture tube the yoke must be replaced as otherwise neck shadows cannot be eliminated.

It is suggested that the electrical changes be made first and then the cabinet changes whenever a conversion is made on an unfamiliar model. In this way if any difficulty is experienced which might make the conversion impractical, the electrical changes can be returned to their original state. It would be considerably more difficult, however, to return the cabinet to its former condition.

Except for the standard equipment available in most service shops, very few additional tools are required in making conversions and most of these units are needed for the cabinet work. Such "extra" equipment includes a hack saw, a keyhole saw, a half-round bastard file, a wood chisel, plastic wood, a ½" hand or electric drill, a hand or electric jig saw, a bottle of dark walnut stain, adhesive rubber cushion (½" wide), jig saw blades for plastic, metal, and wood, resistance boxes, capacitance boxes, etc.

#### Twelve-Inch Changes

The chassis of the Model 811 should be removed to the service bench and the following changes made.

Disconnect the white lead of the horizontal size control ( $L_{1s}$ ) where it connects to pins #4 and #6 of  $V_{1s}$ . Tape this end using high voltage insulating tape.

Next short out the series coil of the size control by shunting  $R_{04}$  with a jumper wire.

Now connect a .25 µfd., 600 v. con-

denser across  $C_{10}$  in the 5V4G cathode circuit.

Finally connect a 500  $\mu\mu$ fd., 1000 v. condenser across the secondary of  $T_{17}$  or across the horizontal deflection coils whichever is easier to locate. Assemble and connect the yoke, focus coil, socket, etc. onto the 12LP4A and observe a test pattern. Adjust the horizontal linearity, height, vertical linearity, and focus controls for the best test pattern. If the focus control range is insufficient, short out the 560 ohm resistor ( $R_{70}$ ) which is in series with the focus control,  $R_{72}$ .

If the width is insufficient increase the 500  $\mu\mu$ fd. capacitance across the horizontal deflection coils and if too wide reduce this same capacitance. The vertical linearity may require some correction which can be made by shunting  $R_{20}$  in the plate circuit of the 6SN7GT vertical sweep generator tube with a 4.7 megohm resistor. The vertical linearity and height controls must then be readjusted.

#### Sixteen-Inch Changes

If this receiver is to be converted to use either a 16KP4 or 17BP4A rectangular tube, the following additional components are required. The parts numbers listed are all *G-E* replacement numbers: One RTO-085 horizontal sweep transformer, one RLD-024 deflection yoke, one RLF-038 focus coil, and one RET-003 ion trap magnet.

The following changes should then be made in the horizontal output circuit, as shown in Fig. 5.

Disconnect leads of original sweep output transformer, including filament loop for 1B3GT tube. Mount new transformer on chassis and wire into circuit.

Disconnect the white lead of the horizontal size control ( $L_{18}$ ) where it connects to pins #4 and #6 of  $V_{18}$  and (Continued on page 100)



Fig. 1. Front view of the General Electric Model 811 with the original 10" CR tube.



Fig. 2. Same receiver converted to accommodate the 16-inch rectangular picture tube.

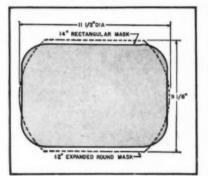


Fig. 3. Area of a 12-inch "expanded" mask compared with a 14-inch rectangular mask.

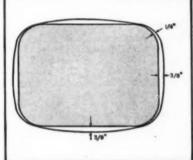
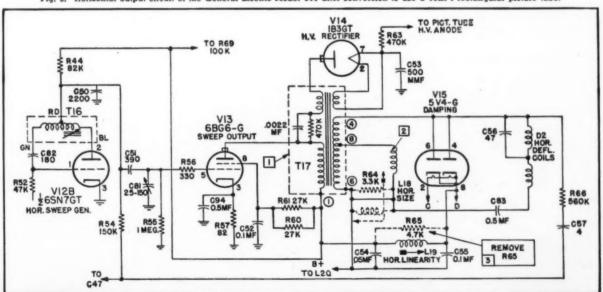


Fig. 4. Useful screen area of 16KP4 picture tube compared with 17BP4A picture tube.

Fig. 5. Horizontal output circuit of the General Electric Model 811 after conversion to use a 16KP4 rectangular picture tube.



## A Civilian DEFENSE **STATION**

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Over-all view of station. Helmet shows comparative size of this compact unit.

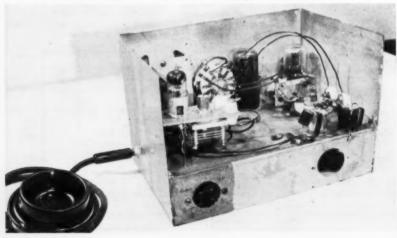
INCE the Federal Communication Commission has now designated the frequencies for use by Civilian Defense Stations, we can make our final plans accordingly. In these plans we should consider making the most use of the frequencies assigned us so as to cause ourselves the least QRM. The lower frequencies would normally be used for the longer haul city-to-city services, while the higher frequencies with greater frequency allocation should be used for the short haul local services. This type of planning puts the small local incidents on one band and the large incidents, where other city help is required, on a lower frequency band. There is another good reason for this type of planning. The recently approved Technician Class amateur license will open up a new field for obtaining operators which are urgently needed in Civilian Defense especially as more of the younger hams are drafted. A Technician Class license is only valid on the highest band assigned for Civilian Defense Service, namely, 220 to 225 mc.

In the average small town the maximum distance from any point in town to its centrally located Civilian Defense Center is 5 miles. In the larger cities the local Police Precincts are the Civilian Defense Centers which control their local areas and they are centrally located within 5 miles of any point under their jurisdiction. problem therefore resolves itself into providing reliable two-way radio transmission for this distance at the minimum expense. The basic station design should be such that it can be used in a Civilian Defense Center, hospital, school, fire station, police station, an automobile, or as a "walkie-talkie" field set. It should be so designed that it will work on the regular 115 volt a.c. supply, on a 6 volt automobile battery, or entirely on dry batteries without excessive battery drain.

It is felt that this 220-225 mc. station to be described herein covers the specifications. The equipment is small (6" x 6" x 9") and if placed in a cabinet is readily portable. Tests were conducted on this station in Glen Ridge, N. J. by the Civilian Defense Radio Group. The tests proved so satisfactory that they are now planning five more of these stations to equip a hospital, three schools, and a police headquarters. When additional funds become available a second transmitter and receiver for the Control Center will be installed on the 145.5 mc. band. This will permit communications with the New Jersey State Control and other mutual aid cities.

The basic design of the station is not new. It consists of a modulated oscillator as the transmitter and a superregenerative receiver. The audio system of the receiver is also used as the modulator for economic reasons. With a 300 volt power supply the transmitter gives out about 2 watts of carrier. The current drain at this voltage is 70 ma. for transmitting and 39 ma. for receiving. For portable use with 135 volts of dry batteries the drain is reduced to 17 ma. for transmitting and 13 ma. for receiving. With either of these voltages transmission over 5 miles can be made without any

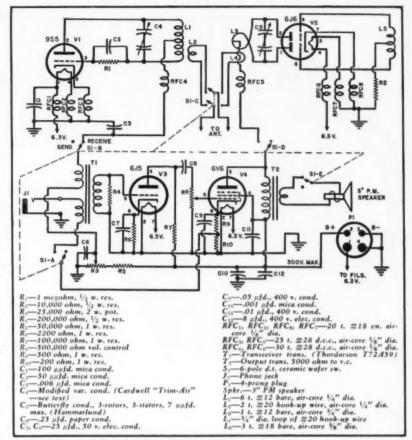
Rear view of transceiver. A single button carbon type microphone is used.



difficulty. Radiation trouble from the superregenerative receiver has been held to the minimum by the use of an acorn 955 tube which, if in good condition, requires only 15 to 20 volts of "B" voltage for proper operation. On nearby stations the antenna coupling may be made very loose which reduces the radiation still more.

This station is not difficult to build and get into operation. Most of the constructional details are apparent from the photographs. The model shown was built from galvanized sheet iron by bending the two sides and front panel from one sheet 6" x 21" long. A 2" high chassis was bent from another sheet and soldered in place. A standard aluminum chassis 2" x 7" x9" would be just as good. In the front view photograph the receiver tuning dial is on the left, with the "Send-Receive" switch in the center and the regeneration control below it. On the extreme upper right is the PM speaker with the gain control directly under it. The "On-Off" toggle switch in the lower left hand corner may be used to turn on the 115 volt power supply. On the left hand side the two feedthrough insulators are for connecting the antenna. The microphone jack is installed on the lower right hand side of the chassis. The microphone used is a single button carbon type, known in the surplus market as an F1 unit.

In the photograph of the the rear view, the transmitter is on the left hand side in the rear. It was constructed on a small angle piece of aluminum 3/16" thick which is fastened to the side. The 6J6 socket should be mounted adjacent to the butterfly condenser so that the two plate connections will be as short as possible. The 955 detector with its associated coil and condenser are shown at the right rear. A lucite or bakelite ¼" diameter shaft with a flexible coupling connects the condenser rotor with the front panel dial. On both sides of this shaft adjacent to the front panel are the audio and modulator tubes 6J5 and 6V6. The variable condenser used here was



Complete circuit diagram of transceiver. Coils and chokes must be hand wound.

a Cardwell. The stator plate on this model can be removed by loosening the two nuts. This plate is then sawed through the middle between the two mounting holes. The condenser is then reassembled using one post for the grid end and the other post as the plate end of the tank coil. The rotor should be free and not grounded. About 1/16" spacing should be used between the rotor and stator. If this gives insufficient bandspread change the distance

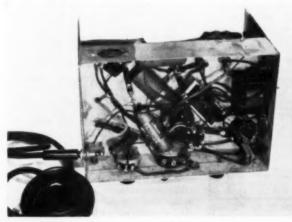
to 3/32". The socket in the rear of the chassis is for connecting the 6.3 volt filament and 300 volt power supply voltages.

The underneath view shows the transceiver transformer mounted toward the rear right. The rest of the resistors and condensers may be mounted at random.

The circuit diagram includes the various coil sizes and these together (Continued on page 119)

Bottom view of transceiver. Unit will operate direct from batteries or from either a vibrator or a 115 v. type power supply.

Top view of transceiver. Toggle switch, not included in schematic, shown on front panel is connected in power supply circuit.





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# QUALITY AMPLIFIER for TV SOUND

Over-all view of the audio By

Construction details on a compact and inexpensive replacement unit which can be built at an approximate cost of \$10.

amplifier. This unit delivers 3 watts at .5 per-cent total measured distortion and is flat within 1/2 db. from 20 to 20,000 cycles. Input is just 1 volt. under rating, this unit will deliver 4 watts at 70 cycles and about 2 watts at 40 cycles before core-saturation distortion becomes noticeable.

Actually an amplifier of this sort is so far superior to that built into most radio and TV sets that its incorporation into any ordinary console will make a vast difference in the audio quality. The 3 or 4 watts is more than adequate power for any living room, except perhaps for addicts of earsplitting volume.

The writer's aim was to make a good self-contained audio unit which would fit into spare cabinet space, and would replace the audio channel originally in the set. The amplifier has its own power supply, so that the only connections required to the receiver are input, speaker, and 117 volts a.c. No tone controls are included, since these properly belong outside the feedback loop and on the tuner chassis, available to the panel. A considerable effort was made to achieve the lowest weight, size, and cost commensurate with the best performance.

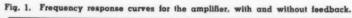
Fig. 1 shows the frequency response and Fig. 2 the total harmonic distortion versus output power. In Fig. 1, curve A gives the measured response before the negative feedback was applied. It is down 1 db. at 60 and 8000 cycles, due principally to the output transformer, although some of the high-frequency droop is traceable to the high-mu triode amplifier stage. Curve B is the response with feedback. Although only 12.5 db. of feedback is used, it flattens out the curve more than adequately. The only departure from a straight line is now the 1.5 db. peak at 40 kc. Above 40 kc. the two curves run together. Both curves were plotted with the same input (.093 volt), so that the difference in db. between the two is the actual amount of feedback existing at that frequency. Thus, at 20 cycles there is 9.5 db. of feedback, and at 40 kc. and above there is none. Through the audible range there is plenty of feedback, since no shunt condensers are used across any stage.

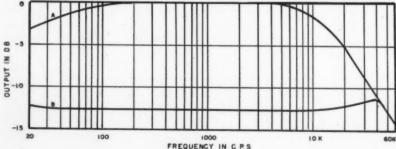
HE reproduction of a television sound channel requires a little different treatment than other radio and phonograph sources. The difference in the TV sound is that its inherent quality is generally excellent and the background noise level very low, but that listening is done at a comparatively low level. While a good audio amplifier of, say, 12 watts' rating will work fine with a TV receiver. it will be many times larger and more complicated than necessary and may pose a space problem. In TV, sound is subordinate to the picture. Too high a sound level distracts attention from the picture and seems out of balance. At the same time, noisy or distorted sound induces fatigue, and is ruinous to the enjoyment of the show. What is needed is very clean, quiet reproduc-tion with clear, crisp "highs."

LAWRENCE FLEMING

It is usually best, to preserve the illusion, to locate the speaker close to the viewing screen even at the expense of having to use a smaller speaker. In a speaker for this use, freedom from sharp peaks in the response is more important than wide range, and 8-inch units are usually smoother than larger cones. The writer uses a Western Electric 755A speaker located in the regular television console, driven by the 3-watt triode amplifier to be described. This amplifier delivers 3 watts at 0.5 per-cent total measured distortion, and measures flat within ½ db. from 20 to 20,000 cycles. The input voltage required for 3 watts output is one volt.

This amplifier is pint-sized physically, built on a 7" by 7" chassis with-out crowding. Standard replacementtype radio parts are used throughout. The cost of all the components should not be much over ten dollars. The output transformer is a Stancor type A-3830, a "universal replacement" type rated nominally at twenty watts and weighing two pounds. Used so far





Distortion was measured at 80 and 400 cycles, across the output transformer secondary into a 4-ohm resistive load. The results were the same at both frequencies, and the total harmonic content at various power levels is shown in the curve of Fig. 2. The distortion rises slowly from about 0.2 per-cent at one watt output to half a per-cent at 3 watts. If one were to promote such an amplifier commercially, he might rate it at 4.5 watts, since this is where the 5 per-cent distortion level is reached. However, let us be conservative and call this a 3-watt amplifier, or, if 2.5 per-cent distortion is not too much, a 4-watt job.

The plate input to the power stage is about 14 watts, so that the efficiency at 4 watts output is 28.5 per-cent. This is not bad for class A triodes including the output transformer, and in fact indicates that the insertion loss of the output transformer that was used is

unusually low.

A check of distortion was made at 40 cycles and it was found that the output transformer overloaded at 2.5 watts, but that at 2 watts the distortion was only about 1.5 per-cent. This is mainly of academic interest since the speaker used cuts off at 70 cycles. However, to avoid intermodulation troubles from unheard low frequencies, it might be well to provide some low-frequency cut ahead of the input.

#### Damping and Hum

Connecting a 4-ohm resistor across the secondary terminals dropped the voltage 10 per-cent from the opencircuit value. Thus, the output impedance is 0.4 ohm on the 4-ohm tap, and the speaker damping factor is 10.

The hum voltage at the voice terminals measured 1.5 millivolts (about ½ microwatt), or 66 db. below 3 watts. While this level is inaudible, it is worth noting that most of this hum is inductive pickup by the output transformer from the power transformer, and that it is well to orient these two components so that their coils are at

right angles.

The circuit, shown in Fig. 3, is about as simple and straightforward as can be, but is the result of considerable experimentation. The output stage is a pair of 6AQ5 miniature beam tubes, triode-connected, in push-pull, with 300 volts on the plates. The tube complement is completed by a single highmu twin triode as the voltage amplifier and phase inverter.

In its use of triodes at comparatively high plate voltage, this circuit may be considered a smallish cousin of the Williamson amplifier. It is also based on a very low-distortion 6L6 circuit designed some years ago by the West Coast audio engineer, Dunford

Kelly.

A survey of the triode characteristics of various small power tubes showed, rather surprisingly, that the 6V6 was far and away the best. Its miniature counterpart, the 6AQ5, has the same properties. Table 1 gives the pertinent data for these tubes, calculated from published curves and

checked by experiment. Due to their rather high mu (9), the efficiency drops rapidly below about 300 "B" volts. However, the optimum operating conditions involve fairly low plate current (50 mils for two tubes), so that the plate dissipation is well within limits. The screen current in triode connection is only 2 to 2.5 mils, so that there is no danger of the screens overheating.

The tubes are operated about halfway between class A and class AB<sub>i</sub>. The bias resistor for straight class A is 330 ohms, but the decrease in dis-

tortion is negligible.

The first stage is half of a 12AX7 high-mu twin triode, operating as a straight voltage amplifier with "contact potential" bias. Regular cathode resistor bias, bypassed, was found to give hardly any improvement, and the feedback system is more stable with the simpler arrangement. This stage is direct-coupled to the other section of the 12AX7, operating as a split-load phase inverter.

The output transformer is a 20-watt universal replacement type as mentioned before, and is fully adequate for the power level developed by the 6AQ5's. If this amplifier were to be used with a large speaker system with extended low-frequency response, there might be some reason for employing a large high-fidelity type transformer, but for living-room use down to 60 or 70 cycles, such a transformer would be of no advantage

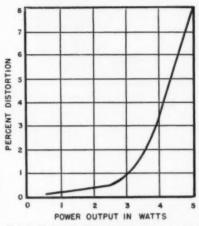
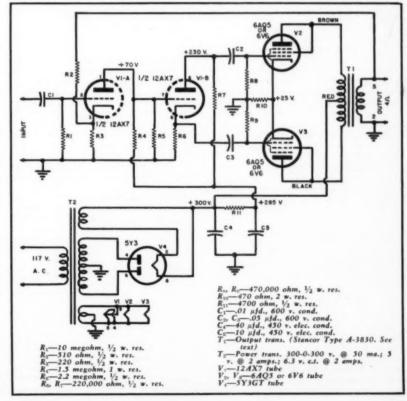


Fig. 2. Harmonic distortion vs. power output.

It is recommended that the transformer specified be used, because the negative feedback is taken from the voice coil winding, and the circuit was designed for stable feedback under all conditions with that particular unit, connected exactly as shown. The connections indicated are correct for any 3.2 to 4 ohm speaker. For an 8 or 15-ohm voice coil, connect to terminals 1 and 5 and ground terminal 1. The impedance match is not critical with triodes.

If a substitution of transformers is made, it is advisable to explore the range from 20 cycles to at least 100 kc. (Continued on page 151)

Fig. 3. Complete circuit diagram and parts list for the television sound amplifier.





### A handy unit for the busy service shop where an instrument breakdown can mean a financial loss.

HEN a test instrument "conks out" the service technician is often placed in an unenviable position, especially when he is expected to keep the sets rolling out of his shop.

When such a unit must be returned to the factory for repairs or there is a delay in getting some replacement part, this can often represent a real dollar-and-cents loss to the technician. Having faced just such a problem, the author designed and built "Old Faithful"—a seven-section test instrument to be described in this article.

It should be emphasized that this unit is not a substitute for standard, commercially-built instruments but is merely a standby to be used in conjunction with the technician's remaining test instruments.

Each of the seven sections comprising "Old Faithful" operates independently. This feature increases the flexibility and serviceability of the instrument, a point most technicians will appreciate.

#### Section One

The first section of the instrument provides a circuit for measuring the leakage of electrolytic condensers at the working voltage of the receiver and is used in conjunction with a d.c. ammeter. It also provides a blocking condenser circuit for tracing audio signals with phones. In addition it may be used as a substitute 5 inch PM

speaker for connection to a receiver's output transformer secondary. For details on the proper procedure for using the instrument in these applications see Table 1.

When measuring electrolytic leakage current it might be well to remember that for condensers of 300 volts or higher the permissible leakage is .5 ma. per  $\mu$ fd.; for 100 to 275 volts the allowable leakage is .2 ma. per  $\mu$ fd.; and for under 100 volts the limit is .1 ma. per  $\mu$ fd. These leakages are maximums and in some circuits these figures will have to be lowered.

To protect the milliammeter against damage because of a shorted condenser one of the following precautions should be taken. (1) Observing polarity, test the electrolytic condenser with an ohmmeter before conducting the leakage test. (2) In case the ohmmeter is the instrument which is out of commission, use the electrolytic quality test as outlined in Section Two. (3) When conducting the leakage test start with the highest meter range and turn the receiver on. Watch the meter and if the current builds up to where the pointer starts reaching for the highest reading on the dial, turn the receiver off promptly as the condenser is shorted and hence defective. If the condenser is not shorted, the meter may be set to a lower range and a reading taken. Caution. High voltage is present during the test and all of the customary

precautions which apply in the presence of high voltages should be taken. When the test has been completed disconnect the negative terminal of the milliammeter first.

#### Section Two

Section Two of the instrument is an r.f.-i.f. signal tracer, an audio signal tracer, provides means for making a high resistance continuity test, serves as a tester for pilot lamps, and serves as a quality checker for electrolytic condensers.

A second audio signal tracer is provided in this section in anticipation of the prior application of the substitute speaker in Section One, in which case the audio signal tracer in Section One would not be available for audio signal tracing.

Since only 4½ volts are used to store the charge in the condenser for the electrolytic quality test, the test is only recommended for condensers of 150 volts and higher.

#### Section Three

This section provides resistor substitution facilities by means of nine 1-watt resistors which range in size from 47 ohms to 100 megohms. The section also provides eight substitute condensers, all of which except the lowest capacitance unit are paper, from .00025  $\mu fd.$  to 1  $\mu fd.$  600 v. Low resistance visual continuity checks can be made by means of a 3.8 v., No. 13 lamp mounted in the center of the panel. This facility is especially convenient when testing for shorts in variable condensers or for testing continuity and shorts in tubes or other low re-

sistance circuits. If this test indicates an open in a resistance circuit, the suspected part should be discarded only if the open is confirmed by the high resistance continuity test described in Section Two.

#### Section Four

This section permits the capacity measurement of paper or mica condensers from .001  $\mu$ fd. to 1  $\mu$ fd. when used in conjunction with an a.c. voltmeter. Note that resistances  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  in the circuit diagram are based on the use of the a.c. voltmeter section of a Simpson Model 260 v-o-m. If other a.c. voltmeters are used with this instrument, the value of resistors  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  will obviously have to be computed.

When using the Simpson Model 260 with the instrument's .001-.01  $\mu$ fd. setting ( $S_a$  in the a position) the following voltage readings on the 10 volt a.c. scale will indicate the capacities specified: .6 volt = .001  $\mu$ fd.; 1.1 volts = .002  $\mu$ fd.; 1.5 volts = .003  $\mu$ fd.; 1.9 volts = .004  $\mu$ fd.; 2.5 volts = .005  $\mu$ fd.; 3.6 volts = .007  $\mu$ fd.; 4 volts = .008  $\mu$ fd.; 3.6 volts = .007  $\mu$ fd.; 4 volts = .008  $\mu$ fd.; and 4.8 volts = .01  $\mu$ fd. These values are lettered on the face of the instrument panel, directly beneath Section Four.

With the .01 -.1  $\mu$ fd. setting ( $S_e$  in the b position), meter readings on the 10 volt a.c. scale conform to the ca-

pacity of the condenser in that if the reading on the v-o-m meter scale is 2 volts the capacity of the unknown condenser is .02  $\mu$ fd. Similarly with the .1-1  $\mu$ fd. setting ( $S_n$  in the c position) if this reading on the 10 volt a.c. scale is 8 volts the capacity of the condenser is .8  $\mu$ fd.

When starting the test, set the a.c. voltmeter selector switch to a range in excess of line voltage so that if the condenser is shorted the meter will read the line voltage and no damage to the meter will result. If the condenser is shorted, the test voltage should be removed immediately since resistors  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  will not withstand full line voltage for any length of time.

#### Sections Five and Six

Each of these sections provides both a filter section hum check and electrolytic condenser substitution facilities with each section operating independently of the other. Section Five provides condenser substitutes of 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 40  $\mu$ fd. while Section Six provides substitutes of 8, 12, 16, 20, 40, and 100  $\mu$ fd. capacity. All of the condensers are rated at 450 volts except the 100  $\mu$ fd. unit which is rated at 25 v.

#### Section Seven

This section provides a high frequency buzzer signal generator that generates signals ranging from 0 to over 100 mc. This signal may be in-

jected in any stage of the receiver from the antenna to the speaker.

#### Additional Notes

Should your voltmeter be the instrument out of commission, voltages in a receiver may be tested for "presence" by means of a neon lamp which responds to voltages ranging from 90 to 550 either a.c. or d.c.

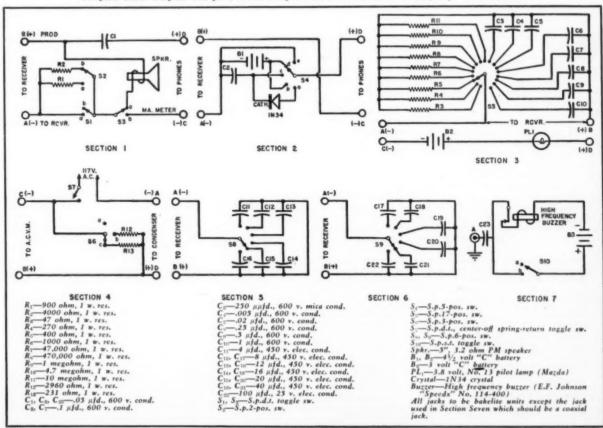
This emergency test instrument is housed in a metal cabinet measuring 8 x 10 x 4% inches. The chassis was chosen to fit the cabinet easily. Bakelite jacks provide insulation from the metal panel.

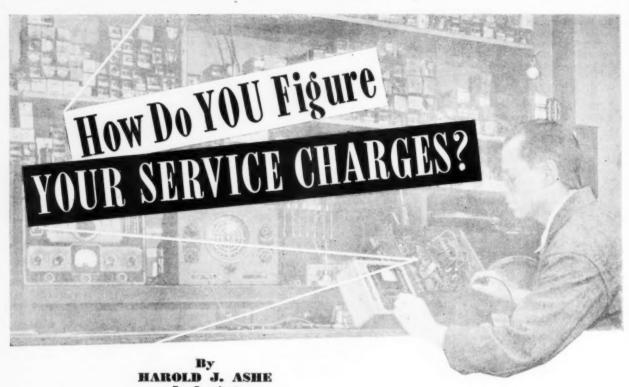
The paper condensers in Section Three are connected with one lead soldered to the switch in order to keep the leads as short as possible. Four of the six electrolytic condensers in each of Sections Five and Six are mounted under the chassis with the remaining two on top of the chassis. The resistors go under the chassis. The speaker is mounted on the inside back of the cabinet which is louvered.

The buzzer is mounted on top of the chassis as is the 3 volt battery. The battery is held in place by terminal strips on each side and by the lower speaker bolts which rest on top of the battery when the chassis is placed in the cabinet. The panel is soldered to the chassis and is finished in black.

In constructing this particular in-(Continued on page 90)

Complete circuit diagram and parts list covering the seven-sections of the "emergency" test instrument.





Tax Consultant

Many individually owned and operated service shops underprice competition not because of lower overhead but because many operating expenses are overlooked. Here is a handy check list.

ITH an increasing number of radio and television technicians setting up shop for themselves, this is as good a time as any to discuss service charges, pricing formulas, and certain business conceptions held by all too many owners of small shops.

Many established service shop owners who have learned the hard way look askance at these newcomers in the trade. This is usually not so much because they resent competition, as such, but because all too often these one-man and small shops represent unfair competition.

Old hands in radio and television servicing have long since discovered that there is more, much more, to conducting a successful shop than having the technical know-how, important as that is. Many established service shop owners criticize their new competition because the latter have smaller overhead, and therefore can successfully scale down their charges.

We'll agree that a disturbing number of small shops do maintain price schedules that are lower than their larger competitors. We disagree, however, that this is because, generally the one-man and small shops have a pricing advantage of smaller overhead.

The reason that small shops can and do under-price is because they *think* they have lower overhead. Percentagewise, the typical shop employing only one technician and with the owner also working with tools is likely to have as high an overhead in dollars-per-techni-

cian (including the owner) as does a shop having six or eight men on its payroll.

While these newcomers are making it rough for established service shops whose owners know their costs, they are traveling a rough road themselves, even though they may not immediately be aware of the chuckholes ahead of them.

What, in effect, many of these new shop owners are doing is selling their own skilled labor piecemeal and with the prospect that they will make even less than they'd earn working on salary for another shop.

Not infrequently their prices are determined by the lowest prices quoted by the cheapest shop in the community, rather than a price commensurate with the service performed. Instead of making a charge that will permit a profit they make a charge, determined by the lowest priced shop in town, scale it still lower, and then hope for a profit that never accrues to them.

Or, they may attempt to determine prices by an over-simplified formula in which straight labor time is figured, plus a moderate addition for overhead, and a modest amount for "profit". Usually, this so-called "profit" disappears through the year to satisfy hidden overhead that has not been anticipated. This is service pricing reduced to the ridiculous. It might be amusing except for the fact that thousands of one-man shops, unschooled in costing procedures, employ this pricing formula to their own financial detriment as well as to that of ethical competitors who are trying to maintain

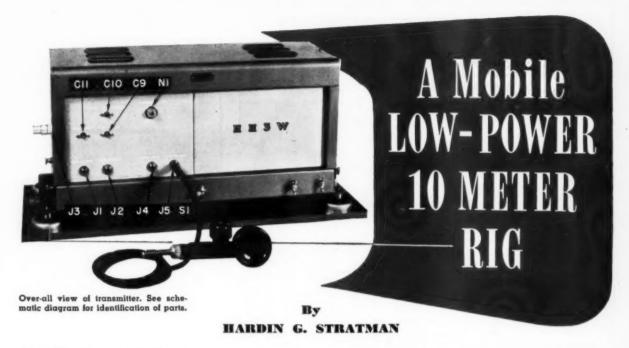
d time, holidays, etc. d costing procedures, employ the formula to their own finance curity tax (on employees) ment as well as to that of etc.

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Table 1. Check list of representative overhead expenses. While the listing is far from all-inclusive, there are few shops which do not spend varying sums for practically all of the items tabulated. Even where the shop owner works out of his own home, certain utility expenses, rent, etc. should be charged to shop overhead.

Rent, light, heat
Telephone
Postage
Technical books, trade magazines
Ledgers, accounting forms
Ledgers, accounting forms
Equipment depreciation
Advertising
Fire, casualty insurance
Taxes and licenses
Donations
Association dues
Losses from bad accounts
Transportation costs
Unproductive time (making estimates, etc.)
Business entertainment (if any)

Salaries of non-productive employees Technicians' wages Public liability insurance Property damage Truck depreciation Truck insurance, including liability Loss of tools, equipment Depreciation of tools, equipment Non-productive supervisory time Call-backs on complaints Unworked time, holidays, etc. Waste and spoilage Social security tax (on employees) Unemployment insurance tax Workmen's compensation insurance Miscellaneous



A well-engineered transmitter with a range of 5 to 10 miles. A standard vibrator power supply is used.

SUALLY when a sudden disaster such as a fire, a flood, or a windstorm occurs, there rarely is a means of communication available to link the scene of action to the broadcasting station over which a reporter might tell an eager and curious listening audience exactly what is happening as it happens. This situation also arises when covering special events such as parades or ball games.

Engineers at the Gates Radio Co., Quincy, Illinois, designed the compact and useful mobile transmitter about to be described for remote broadcast pickup between 26.11 to 26.47 megacycles, a frequency band which effectively eliminates all of the previously mentioned hampering conditions. Since the unit's useful frequency range extends from approximately 25 to 30 megacycles it is easily adaptable for use in the 10 meter amateur band without changing any components.

#### **Circuit Description**

The circuit arrangement of the transmitter is relatively simple. Using a crystal of from 8 to 10 megacycles, the oscillator stage triples in the plate circuit of a 6AG7 tube (V1) and the resulting electrical energy is then injected into the grid circuit of a class C power amplifier stage utilizing a 2E26 beam power amplifier tube (V2) which simplifies the tuning because it eliminates the necessity for neutralizing. The power amplifier stage is plate modulated by a pair of 6L6 tubes (V3, V4) working in the modulator stage. A pinetwork is used in the antenna coupling circuit, a feature which might prove of especial interest to the reader. This pi-section matches the high impedance of the power amplifier tank circuit to the low impedance (approximately 20 to 60 ohms) of the antenna used while, at the same time, reducing harmonics. Although matching a high impedance to a low impedance reduces the voltage, the current is increased-a very desirable condition in a transmitting antenna.  $C_0$  and  $C_{10}$ connected in series across  $L_2$  form the plate resonant circuit which, of course, should always be tuned to the output frequency being used. The junction of  $C_{10}$  and  $L_{2}$  is the matching point and since C10 is of greater capacity than Co its reactance will obviously be lower than that of  $C_0$ , a factor which will permit it to be tuned to match the characteristic low impedance of the quarter-wave antenna used. This cir-cuit also reduces de-tuning of the power amplifier stage because of the variations in antenna characteristics which occur as the antenna sways or is approached by some object.

A very simple over-modulation circuit is provided in the transmitter. This consists of a quarter-watt neon bulb connected in series with a 250,000 ohm potentiometer  $(R_1)$  and a 270,000 ohm resistor  $(R_1)$  between the plate supply of the power amplifier and ground potential. By means of the variable potentiometer, the neon bulb can be made to flash with any value of modulation percentage.

The initial tune-up of the transmitter should be performed as follows: After first removing the plate cap from the 2E26 tube, turn the transmitter on and allow it to warm up. Then check the grid current of  $V_1$  by means of a test meter through the grid current jack  $(J_1)$  provided on the front

panel. Then adjust  $L_1$  until 3.5 ma. is obtained on the test meter. Turn the transmitter off and replace the plate cap on the 2E26 tube. Insert a test meter of approximately 100 ma. in the plate current jack  $(J_2)$  and adjust  $C_{20}$  $C_{10}$ , and  $C_{11}$  for maximum capacity. Again turn the transmitter on and allow it to warm up. Then adjust C. (plate tuning) for minimum plate current (lowest dip on meter reading) and then decrease the capacity of C10 (output tank loading) approximately  $\frac{1}{16}$  turn. Re-adjust  $C_0$  for the plate current dip and continue to decrease the capacity of C10 and re-adjust C0 until the plate current is 50 ma. at the lowest point of the plate current dip reading. The adjusting of C, for a dip should always be the final adjustment in the tuning up procedure. The final setting of C, will normally be found to be about ½ to ½ meshed. C, will be between 1/8 to 1/8 meshed and Cu will be fully meshed.

Excessive loading or antenna coupling is indicated by plate current in excess of 50 ma. If plate current at the dip is less than this, it indicates insufficient coupling or loading. To increase the loading, adjust the output tank coupling  $C_{20}$  by decreasing the capacity slightly. As a rule of thumb, it may be remembered that increasing the capacity of  $C_{10}$  (output tank coupling), decreases the loading. Conversely, decreasing the value of  $C_{20}$  increases the loading which, of course, always results in increased plate current. Any adjustment of  $C_{10}$  (output tank coupling) always requires a re-

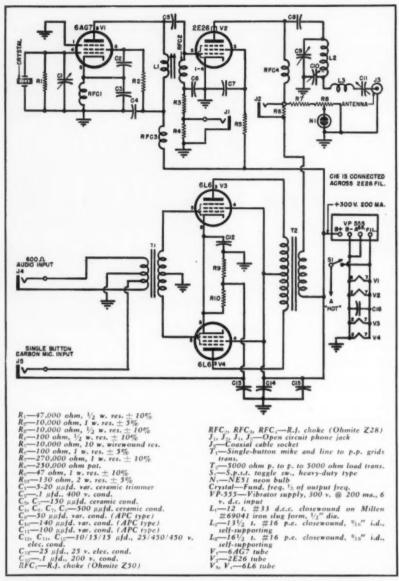


Diagram of mobile 10 meter transmitter. Any power supply delivering 300 volts at 200 milliamperes can be used. Transmitter delivers 10 watts amplitude modulated.

adjustment of  $C_{\circ}$  (plate tuning) to bring the circuit back to resonance. Resonance is indicated by the plate current dip.

Touching a quarter-watt neon bulb to the top end of the whip antenna should produce a red glow in the bulb which indicates there is reasonable transfer of energy to the radiating system. But a neon bulb should never be relied upon as a tune-up indicator as this will result in excessive plate dissipation in the 2E26 tube, damaging it or greatly reducing its useful life. Excessive distortion may also result. A test meter should always be used to measure the plate current of the 2E26 tube when tuning the power amplifier circuit.

After the adjustment of antenna loading and plate tuning has been completed, it is advisable to recheck the grid current of the 2E26 tube. This may be accomplished by means of the test meter and the grid current jack provided on the front panel. Grid current should not exceed 4 ma. for maximum life of the tube but satisfactory operation will result for any value of grid current between 2.5 and 4 ma.  $L_1$  may be adjusted for the correct current. A value of 3.5 ma. is to be preferred.

The variable condenser  $(C_1)$  connected across the crystal requires just an initial adjustment in conjunction with a reliable frequency standard as it is a vernier control upon the frequency and once set should not require further adjustment due to normal vibration or other effects. Once set, the oscillator plate tank circuit should require no additional tuning for any particular frequency and, in the power

amplifier circuit, only the plate and antenna loading adjustments require an occasional retuning.  $R_{\rm s}$  is a variable control which determines at what percentage of modulation the neon bulb will flash. This control should be adjusted so that the neon bulb flashes when modulation peaks of 100% are exceeded. An oscilloscope and a sine wave audio generator are required for this operation.

#### **Bummy Antenna**

As is the case with most transmitters, attempting to tune or operate the transmitter in an unloaded condition will result in damage to the components of the output network. To eliminate the necessity of tuning the transmitter with the antenna connected, an effective dummy antenna at this frequency can be easily constructed from a 25 watt, 32 volt light bulb. To do so, remove the base from the light bulb, being careful to preserve the leads. Then insert one of the protruding leads into the output receptacle  $(J_z)$  of the transmitter and secure the other lead to the chassis near the receptacle and proceed with the tune-up.

#### Modulation

Modulation of the transmitter is accomplished by means of jacks provided on the front panel. 100% modulation can be obtained by applying a level of approximately 0 db. through J, by the use of an audio signal generator or a remote amplifier. By using a single button carbon microphone plugged into J., 100% modulation can also be obtained without the use of any other amplifier. Excitation voltage of approximately 5.5 volts for the microphone is obtained from a tap on the cathode bias resistor of the 6L6 modulator tubes.

#### Reception

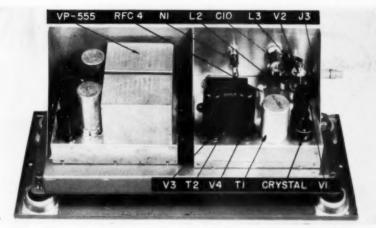
The power output of the transmitter is 10 watts amplitude modulated and it can be received over a distance of from five to ten miles with an ordinary communications receiver, depending on the intervening terrain and the car's position with respect to the receiving antenna. When the transmitting whip antenna is mounted on the rear bumper, field experience has shown that often a 2 to 6 db. signal strength gain may result when the front of the automobile is pointed towards the receiving antenna. Apparently the body tends to act as some sort of directive factor, increasing the frontal radiation somewhat. For best results, the receiving antenna should be as high as possible and cut to resonance at the operating frequency. Where feasible, a vertically polarized beam antenna at the receiving end will further extend the maximum usable range. Line of sight between the receiving and transmitting antenna is highly advantageous. Hills between the two antennas should be avoided if possible. Buildings and trees are highly absorptive at these frequencies and will cause some loss of

signal strength if they come between the receiving and transmitting antennas. Receiving locations having low electrical noise levels and freedom from automobile ignition interference will extend the usable coverage distance considerably.

#### Installation and Operation

The complete transmitter, consisting of two basic units-the transmitter proper and a standard vibrator type power supply, is only 18%" long, 8" wide, and 11" tall including shock mounts. Thus it lends itself especially well to mounting in the trunk of an automobile and the 6 volt battery is reasonably accessible merely by running two leads from the transmitter to the battery. If the antenna is mounted on the rear bumper, only a short length of coaxial cable is required to connect the antenna to the transmitter. The power supply will not be discussed here as any power supply that provides 6.3 volts for the filament and 300 volts d.c. at 200 ma. for the rest of the transmitter will suffice. Information on building such a supply can be obtained elsewhere. Incidentally, the transmitter should not be operated on a battery where the voltage measured at the transmitter input terminals is less than 5.8 volts as power output decreases rapidly and distortion increases excessively. Where the battery is known to be fully charged and low voltage is experienced at the transmitter input terminals, a voltage drop across the resistance of the connecting leads should be suspected or the possibly corroded connection investigated. This voltage drop can be eliminated by using two #8 wires (or larger) rather than depending on the car body to form one of the connecting leads. When corrosion of the body takes place an appreciable voltage drop may be experienced.

A length of RG-8U coaxial cable should be used to connect the transmitter output to the base of the 8 foot whip antenna. The impedance of this



Rear view of completed unit showing location of various components. Refer to schematic diagram for parts identification. A vibrator-type power supply was used to furnish "B" voltage while the filament voltage was obtained from car battery.

coaxial cable is 52 ohms which comes fairly close to matching the impedance of the antenna.

A rig of this type makes an ideal portable or emergency standby. A power supply to operate off a.c. lines may be readily built of ordinary receiver replacement parts. Stock replacement transformers in this rating are generally available.

As the microphone current is supplied from the drop across the cathode resistor in the modulator tubes, no provision need be made for a separate source of d.c. for this purpose. Thus one of the design headaches of a dual purpose transmitter is eliminated.

Designed for those who must confine the bulk of their operating to mobile, this rig is also suitable for home operation since its low power should cause little TVI.

A multi-element beam antenna could be erected at the home station, giving the effect of considerably higher power.

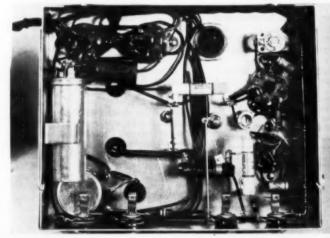
A dynamotor or vibrator supply can be mounted in the car along with the whip antenna. Plug-in power cables will make the job of changeover a matter of a few minutes, and save the cost of an additional rig.

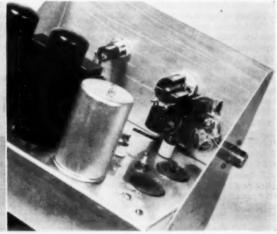
#### Parts Replacement

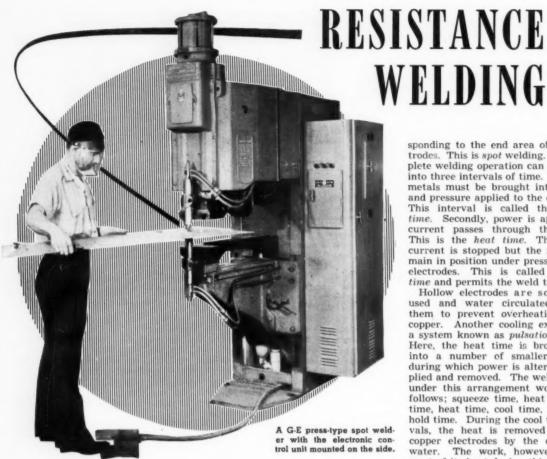
About the only parts that will need replacing will be the tubes. Weak 6L6 tubes will be evidenced by excessive distortion. A weak 6AG7 tube will probably refuse to oscillate or will not provide enough drive for the power amplifier stage. A weak 2E26 tube will cause reduced output and exhibit an inability to load up to 50 ma. plate current.

The noise, distortion, and frequency response of the transmitter exceeds class A network program lines and meets all requirements of the FCC pertaining to AM broadcasting stations. The frequency stability is plus or minus .005% and incidental frequency modulation is less than 100 cycles. Frequency response from 100 to 10,000 cycles is within 2 db. of being completely flat and the maximum distortion is 3½% between 100 to 7500 cycles at 85% modulation. Noise is better than 50 db. below 100% modulation.

(Left) Bottom view of transmitter. (Right) Rear view of transmitter portion with tubes removed. Either APC type trimmer condensers can be used for  $C_{10}$  or  $C_{11}$ , as indicated in the parts list, or ceramic type condensers, shown in the author's rig, can be used.







#### Resistance welding techniques provide a new tool for joining metals swiftly without using solders.

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URTURED in the favorable climate of electronic control, resistance welding has become a rapid and efficient operation. As a result, production schedules and costs have been reduced, and welded assemblies are of uniformly high quality.

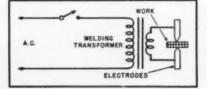
Resistance welding is a method of joining two or more pieces of metal by passing a high current through them. The heat developed as a consequence of this current melts the metals together, producing a strong joint. Unlike brazing and other methods, resistance welding adds no additional material to the work, and "lumpy" joints are avoided.

The welding current must be accurately controlled both in intensity and duration. Insufficient current or current for an insufficient length of time will result in poor fusion and a weak joint. At the other extreme, excessive current will burn holes in the metal. The answer to these exacting demands lies in the electronic circuits which accurately control both the duration and magnitude of the

The principle of resistance welding is illustrated in Fig. 1. The metal plates to be welded are held between two copper-alloy electrodes. Secondary current of the transformer, passing through the metal plates, produces the heat and the resulting weld. The welding transformer has a step-down ratio. Secondary voltage in the five to fifteen volt range is common in this application. This step-down of voltage is, of course, accompanied by a step-up of current.

Since rod-shaped electrodes are used, the weld is small and circular, corre-

Fig. 1. The principle of resistance welding. When the switch is closed, the transformer secondary passes a high current through metal plates. Heat developed as a result of current welds metals together.



sponding to the end area of the electrodes. This is spot welding. The complete welding operation can be divided into three intervals of time. First, the metals must be brought into position and pressure applied to the electrodes. This interval is called the squeeze time. Secondly, power is applied and current passes through the metals. This is the heat time. Thirdly, the current is stopped but the metals remain in position under pressure of the electrodes. This is called the hold time and permits the weld to "set."

Hollow electrodes are sometimes used and water circulated through them to prevent overheating of the copper. Another cooling expedient is a system known as pulsation welding. Here, the heat time is broken down into a number of smaller intervals during which power is alternately applied and removed. The welding cycle under this arrangement would be as follows; squeeze time, heat time, cool time, heat time, cool time, heat time, hold time. During the cool time intervals, the heat is removed from the copper electrodes by the circulating water. The work, however, retains most of its heat during this period.

If the rod-shaped electrodes are replaced by a pair of rollers, and the work is passed between these rollers, a continuous seam weld will be produced. If pulsation welding is used in conjunction with these rollers, a series of uniformly spaced welds will be produced.

#### Use of the Ignitron

In the circuit of Fig. 1, the weld is produced by bringing the work into position and closing the switch for the required length of time. This arrangement is not satisfactory, however. In the first place, it is not possible to manually operate the switch at the high rate demanded by mass production techniques. Secondly, the duration and consequently the quality of each weld would be subject to errors of human judgment on the part of the The duration of the weld is operator. often only a few cycles of the line current, a requirement beyond the possibilities of both switch and operator.

The shortcomings outlined above can be resolved by replacing the switch with a tube. By the application of proper control voltage to its grid, the tube can be made conductive and nonconductive at the desired switching rate and for the optimum duration. The choice of tube for this application becomes mainly a question of current

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IRECT radiator loudspeaker mechanisms for wide range sound reproduction are usually mounted in cabinets. In this system, there are four general parameters that influence the performance of the loudspeaker mechanism, namely, the internal acoustical impedance of the cabinet, the damping of the interior of the cabinet, the mounting of the loudspeaker mechanism, and the shape or the configuration of the outside of the cabinet. Since the effects of these parameters are independent of one another and occur in different portions of the frequency range, it is possible to analyze, measure, and segregate the different phenomena. For example, the size of the cabinet together with the loudspeaker mechanism characteristic determines the response in the low frequency range. The damping of the inside of the cabinet affects the response in the low and mid-frequency ranges. The mounting arrangement of the loudspeaker mechanism in the cabinet influences the response due to cavity resonance and diffraction in the high and mid-frequency ranges. The shape of the outside of the cabinet affects the response in the high and mid-frequency ranges due to diffraction. It is the purpose of this article to consider the above mentioned four different parameters that influence the performance of a direct radiator loudspeaker mechanism mounted in a completely enclosed cabinet.

#### Measurement Apparatus

The loudspeaker response frequency characteristics depicted in this article were all taken in the free field sound room at the RCA Laboratories in

#### An analysis of the various factors involved in the design and construction of good speaker enclosures.

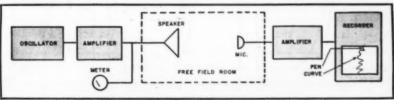
Princeton, N. J. The response frequency characteristics were obtained by means of the automatic recording system shown schematically in Fig. 2. The output of an RCA Type 68B beat frequency oscillator is fed to an RCA Type BA-14A monitoring amplifier. The output of the monitoring amplifier is fed to the loudspeaker under test. The loudspeaker and microphone under test are located in the free field room1.2 as shown in the photograph of Fig. 1. The sound output of the loudspeaker is picked up by means of an RCA Type 44BX velocity microphone. The microphone was calibrated by the reciprocity3.4 method. The output of the microphone is fed to an RCA BA-11A preamplifier. This amplifier is compensated so that for constant sound pressure in free space the recorded output of the Leeds and Northrup "Speedomax" level recorder will be independent of the frequency.

#### Cabinet Volume

The considerations in this article will be confined to completely enclosed cabinets for the following reasons: Open back cabinets exhibit accentuated response in the region of cabinet resonance. It appears that it is difficult to control and subdue this resonance and thereby obtain a smooth response frequency characteristic. Therefore, open back cabinets have not been considered to be suitable for high quality wide range sound reproduction. The design of phase inverter or ported cabinets involves special tests and development work to obtain the optimum results. Unless this work is carried out with adequate test facilities, the performance will not be satisfactory. For example, equipment for

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Fig. 2. Apparatus used to obtain response frequency characteristic of loudspeakers.



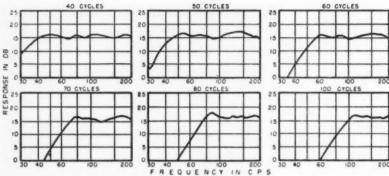


Fig. 3. Typical response frequency characteristics of 15" direct radiator loudspeaker mechanisms mounted in completely enclosed cabinets. The resonant frequency of the combination of the speaker mechanism and the cabinet is given above each of the graphs.

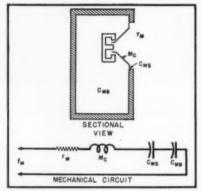


Fig. 4. Sec ional view and mechanical circuit of a direct radiator loudspeaker mechanism mounted in a completely enclosed cabinet. In the mechanical circuit  $f_M = driving$  force,  $r_M$ = mechanical resistance of air load and suspension system,  $m_{\rm c}=$  mass of the cone, voice coil, and air load,  $C_{\rm M8}=$  compliance of the suspension system, and CMB = compliance due to the cabinet volume.

obtaining the response frequency characteristics is almost mandatory. The only advantage of a phase inverter system is accentuated response in the low frequency region. This increased response is obtained at the expense of low frequency range. That is, the low frequency cut-off is lower in the completely enclosed cabinet than in the phase inverter or ported cabinet.

Since 15" loudspeaker mechanisms are almost universally used for wide range sound reproduction, the considerations in this article will be confined to this size mechanism. Typical response frequency characteristics for 15" loudspeakers for six different resonant frequencies are shown in Fig. 3. From these curves the builder can determine the characteristic he desires. As will be developed later the particular low frequency response may be tempered by the maximum volume of the cabinet which he is able to use. Since the characteristics of Fig. 3 are in terms of the resonant frequency of the loudspeaker mechanism and the cabinet volume, the next logical consideration is the determination of the resonant frequency of this combina-

The resonant frequency of a direct radiator loudspeaker mechanism located in a completely enclosed cabinet as shown in Fig. 4 is given by:

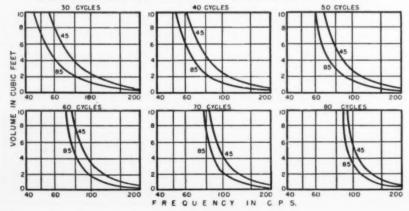
$$f_{E} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{C_{MB} + C_{MB}}{m_{c}(C_{MB}C_{MB})}}$$
. (1)

where:

 $m_c = \text{mass of the cone, coil, and air,}$ in grams

 $C_{MR} =$ compliance of the suspension

Fig. 5. The fundamental resonant frequency of the combination of a direct radiator loudspeaker mechanism mounted in a cabinet as a function of the cabinet volume. Numbers above graphs refer to resonant frequency of mechanism. The numbers on the curves give the mass of the cone, voice coil, and the air load.



system, in centimeters per dyne

 $C_{MB} =$  compliance of the cabinet, in centimeters per dyne.

The compliance5 of the cabinet, Cus, in centimeters per dyne, is given by:

$$C_{MB} = \frac{V}{\rho c^2 S_c^2} \dots \dots (2)$$

where:

V = volume of the cabinet, in cubic centimeters

 $\rho =$  density of air, in grams per cubic centimeter

c = velocity of sound, in centimeters per second

S = effective area of the cone, in square centimeters.

The effective diameter of the cone of a "15 inch" loudspeaker mechanism is about 13 inches.

It should be mentioned in passing that Equation (2) assumes that the phase is the same for all elements of volume within the cabinet. If there is phase shift within the cabinet, there will be some deviation from the mechanical impedance obtained from distributed constant theory. Actually, there is a phase shift within the cabinet for all frequencies. However, the phase shift decreases as the frequency decreases. Therefore, the discrepancy between the lumped and distributed constant theories will decrease as the frequency decreases. Equation (2) is used in this article to determine the resonant frequency of the combination of the loudspeaker mechanism and cabinet volume. At this frequency, the dimensions of any practical cabinet will be a small fraction of the wavelength. Under these conditions, the phase difference between the elements of volume within the cabinet will be small. Therefore, the discrepancy between the lumped constant value of Equation (2) and the distributed constant value is negligible.

The effective mass of the combination of the cone, voice coil, and the air load of the loudspeaker can be determined as follows: The loudspeaker should be placed in a flat baffle having dimensions of at least three feet by three feet. The resonant frequency,  $f_R$ , of the loudspeaker is determined by driving it from an oscillator and noting the frequency at which the maximum amplitude is obtained. Now a known mass,  $m_w$ , is glued to the cone of approximately the same mass as the cone. The resonant frequency, faw, of this combination is determined by noting the frequency of maximum amplitude. From these constants the effective mass, me, in grams, of the cone, voice coil, and air load can be obtained from the expression:

 $m_c = \frac{f_{RW^2}}{f_{R^2} - f_{RW^2}} m_e$  . . . . (3)

Olson, H. F.; "Elements of Acoustical Engineering," D. Van Nostrand Co., New York, Second Edition, 1947, page 152; "Meeker, Slaymaker & Merrill; Journal Acoustical Society of America, Vol. 22, 1950, page 206.

 $m_c =$ effective mass of the cone, in grams

 $m_* = \text{mass}$  of the added weight, in grams

f<sub>R</sub> = resonant frequency of the loudspeaker, in cycles per second

 $f_{RW}$  = the resonant frequency of the loudspeaker with the mass  $m_w$  added, in cycles per second. The compliance of the suspension

The compliance of the suspension system,  $C_{NB}$ , in centimeters per dyne is given by:

$$C_{M8} = \frac{1}{(2\pi f_B)^2 m_c} \dots (4)$$

where:

 $C_{M8}$  = compliance of the suspension system, in centimeters per dyne  $f_R$  = resonant frequency of the loud-speaker in cycles per second

 $m_c = \text{mass}$  of the cone, voice coil and air load, in grams, and as determined from Equation (3).

Now all the constants of the system are known. The cabinet volume required to obtain a particular resonant frequency of the combination of the loudspeaker mechanism and cabinet can be determined from Equations (1), (2), (3) and (4). If the builder does not want to carry out the computations, he can obtain a reasonably accurate value of this resonant frequency from the procedure which will be explained in the next paragraph.

The resonant frequencies of the combination of 15 inch direct radiator loudspeaker mechanisms and completely closed cabinets, as a function of the cabinet volume, are shown in Fig. 5. Graphs are given for six resonant frequencies, f. of the loudspeaker mechanism mounted in a large flat baffle. The resonant frequencies are 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, and 80 cycles. Graphs for heavy and light cones are given for each resonant frequency. These two weights represent the two extremes of combined cone, coil, and air load mass. It is possible to estimate whether the cone is heavy, light, or medium by inspection of different loudspeakers. The resonant frequency of the loudspeaker mechanism can be determined by the oscillator method as outlined before or from the manufacturer's data. From the graphs provided, it is possible to interpolate between cone weights and resonant frequency of the mechanism to obtain the required cabinet volume from the resonant frequency of the combination.

#### **Preferred Cabinet**

The cabinet shown in Fig. 6 has been found to be particularly suitable for 15 inch wide range loudspeaker mechanisms as, for example, the RCA Types LCIA, 515S1, and 515S2. The internal volume of the cabinet shown in Fig. 6 is 8 cubic feet. The cabinet can be scaled up or down in volume by appropriate changes in the dimensions. It will be seen that the cabinet is made of relatively heavy wood with suitable bracing for reducing the vibration of the large flat surfaces. It will be shown in a later section that

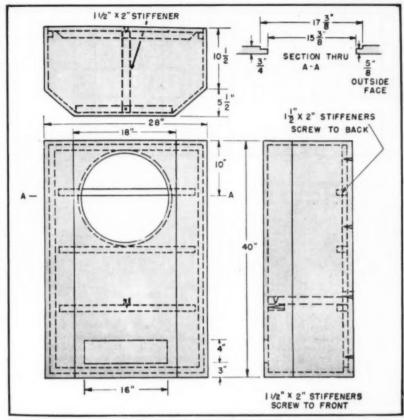


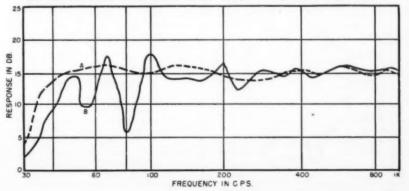
Fig. 6. Front, plan, and side views of a properly engineered loudspeaker housing.

the vibration of the walls of a cabinet introduces large variations in the response frequency characteristic. The inside surfaces of the cabinet are treated with absorbing material to reduce the standing sound wave system inside the cabinet. It will be shown in a later section that the standing sound waves in an undamped cabinet produce wide variations in the response frequency characteristic. The loudspeaker mechanism is mounted flush with the front surface of the cabinet. It will be shown in a later section that the resonance and diffraction

effects produced by a cavity in front of the cone will introduce variations in the response frequency characteristic. The outside configuration of the cabinet introduces variations in the response frequency characteristic due to diffraction. It will be shown in a later section that the outside configuration of this cabinet reduces the deleterious effects of diffraction upon the response frequency characteristic.

A cabinet of the type shown in Fig. 6 will be used in the sections which follow to illustrate the effects of cabinet wall vibration, standing sound waves

Fig. 7. Response frequency characteristic of a 15" loudspeaker mechanism mounted in a cabinet of the type shown in Fig. 6. (A) Showing the elimination of deleterious effects due to the vibration of the cabinet by the use of heavy and well braced walls. (B) Response when deviations, i.e., walls made of thinner wood and the elimination of stiffeners, in the design of Fig. 6 were permitted.



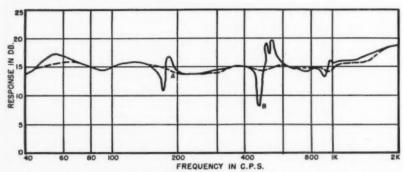


Fig. 8. Response frequency characteristic of a 15" loudspeaker mechanism mounted in the cabinet shown in Fig. 6. (A) Good response obtained by treating inside of cabinet with damping material. (B) Poor response when damping material was omitted.

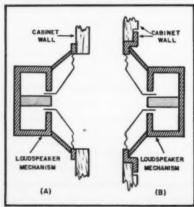
within the cabinet, loudspeaker mechanism mounting in the wall of the cabinet, and the exterior configuration of the cabinet upon the response frequency characteristic. The experiments to illustrate these effects were carried out so that the result and response frequency characteristic would depict the effect of one phenomenon at a time. This procedure will be evident in the text describing the tests and the results obtained.

The RCA Type LC1A loudspeaker mechanism was used in the tests which will be described in the sections which follow. The mass of the cone, voice coil, and air load of this loudspeaker mechanism is 85 grams. The measured resonant frequency of the mechanism used in these tests was 35 cycles. The resonant frequency of the combination of the loudspeaker mechanism and the preferred cabinet shown in Fig. 6 was 52 cycles.

#### **Cabinet Wall Construction**

In order to obtain smooth response in the low frequency region, it is necessary to use a well braced cabinet. If the walls of the cabinet are allowed to vibrate, peaks and dips will be introduced in the response, because the vibration of the different panels of the cabinet causes the radiation of sound from these panels which may be in- or

Fig. 9. Two different methods of mounting direct radiator loudspeaker mechanisms in wall of cabinet. (A) With mechanism mounted on back of cabinet wall. (B) Mechanism mounted flush with front surface of cabinet.



out-of-phase with the sound radiated by the cone. Furthermore, the vibration of the heavy, high "Q" panels of the cabinet introduces poor transient response, because the build-up and decay periods of the excited panels are very long.

In order to confine the effects of the vibration of the walls of the cabinet without any other effects which mar the response, a cabinet of the configuration and dimensions shown in Fig. 6 was used with the inside of the cabinet damped and the loudspeaker mounted flush with the front of the cabinet. The walls were made of thinner wood than that shown in Fig. 6. In addition, all bracing strips were eliminated. A typical response frequency characteristic of a loudspeaker mechanism mounted in a cabinet with vibrating walls is shown in Fig. 7B. It will be seen that the vibrating panels introduce wide variations in the response frequency characteristic. In this experiment, it is difficult to isolate the effect of the vibrating panels completely because the damping material mitigates the vibrations of the panels to some extent. The response frequency characteristic of a loudspeaker mechanism in a cabinet of the same dimensions as Fig. 6, but with rigid and well braced walls, is shown in Fig. 7A. The characteristics of Figs. 7A and 7B show that it is very important that a solid, well braced cabinet be used to insure a smooth response frequency characteristic. The walls of the cabinet should be made of wood % inch thick. Additional strips of 11/2 inch by 2 inch hardwood should be glued or screwed to the inside of the panels having large flat areas as, for example, the back and the front of the cabinet. Additional bracing can be obtained by running a 1½ inch by 2 inch tie strip from the front to the back of the cabinet as shown in Fig. 6.

#### Cabinet Damping

Standing wave systems on the inside of the cabinet will interact with the loudspeaker cone to produce variations in the response frequency characteristic. This is due to the variation in acoustical impedance presented to the cone by the complex sound wave pattern in the cabinet. For example, if there is a pressure loop at the loud-

speaker cone, the acoustical impedance presented to the loudspeaker cone will be high and the motion of the cone will be retarded. If there is a particle velocity loop at the loudspeaker cone, the acoustical impedance presented to the cone will be small and the motion of the cone will be accentuated. The result will be corresponding dips and peaks in the response frequency characteristic. typical response frequency characteristic of a loudspeaker mechanism mounted in the well braced cabinet of Fig. 6, but without damping material, is shown in Fig. 8B. In this case, the only deviation from the proposed cabinet of Fig. 6 is the absence of damping material. The ragged response in the region between 400 to 1000 cycles is due to standing waves within the cabinet. These standing wave patterns can be reduced, so that the effects upon the response frequency characteristic are negligible, by several different damping arrangements. One procedure is to line the front, back, and sides of the cabinet with 1 inch hair felt or the equivalent. The important thing is that the lining material should exhibit high absorption characteristics. Another procedure is to line the side walls and, in addition, hang a heavy blanket of hair felt across the full width of the cabinet half way between the front and the back. Still another method is to fill the entire volume with a fluffed out soft material such as kimpac. A typical response frequency characteristic, after the undamped cabinet has been treated with absorbing material, is shown in Fig. 8A. It will be seen that the variations in response exhibited by the undamped cabinet have been eliminated. Furthermore, the accentuated response at the resonant frequency has been reduced somewhat by the addition of the damping material.

#### Mounting Arrangement

The mounting arrangement of the loudspeaker mechanism in the front wall of the cabinet influences the response due to the resonances of the cavity in front of the mechanism. In addition, variations in the response are produced by reflection and diffraction from the circular boundary of this cavity. The standard mounting arrangement for loudspeaker mechanisms which has been used for years is shown in Fig. 9A. Referring to Fig. 9A, it will be seen that the cabinet wall forms a cavity in front of the loud-The resonances and antispeaker. resonances of this cavity, as well as reflections and diffractions of this wall edge, introduce variations in the response frequency characteristic as shown in Fig. 10A(a). These variations in response can be reduced by the improved loudspeaker mechanism mounting arrangement as shown in Fig. 9B. It will be seen that the cavity in front of the loudspeaker mechanism has been materially reduced. The reflecting edge of the cutout in the cabi-

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control unit which can be

added to any transmitter.

The unit to be described was built for use at VE6OD and since it has worked out rather well the author thought other hams might be interested in the details. After looking over several circuits we decided to design something that would meet the need but be just a bit different. Since we did not want to make any changes in the transmitter itself, a different type of circuit had to be evolved. Also since we wanted the minimum of delay in putting the transmitter on the air when the mike was being used it was evident that something a little more elaborate than usual would be required.

From the circuit diagram it is easy to see that the first two tubes are used in an ordinary preamp layout. From there on the signal is passed through an ordinary 3:1 audio transformer and then rectified by the 6H6 tube. The potentiometer  $R_7$  and the condenser  $C_6$ make up the time delay determining circuit. Ce was made up of paralleled units in order to provide the odd value but a stock 4 µfd. unit could be used if desired. The arm of the potentiometer is connected through limiting resistor R, to the grid of the 2050 thyratron tube. This tube is designed to work from one side of the high voltage secondary of the power transformer and resistor R10 is a current limiting resistor. The value of R10 will depend on the transformer voltage.

R<sub>0</sub> is connected to ground and is designed to permit a small amount of a.c. to flow through the relay winding to prevent permanent magnetization of the core. The relay used is a tele-

phone type with normally-closed contacts and a coil resistance of 1000 ohms. Relays of greater sensitivity can be used if desired. Condenser  $C_{\rm r}$  is connected across the relay coil and serves to filter out the pulsating d.c. from the plate of the 2050 thyratron and keeps the relay from chattering.

We found by experimentation that the best results with this unit were obtained when four tubes were used. One tube could have been eliminated but since the object was to get the transmitter on the air quickly and without losing too much of the first syllable, the fourth tube has paid off. The resultant circuit is almost equivalent to a regular speech amplifier which gives a good healthy sock quickly. Maximum delay appears to be 5

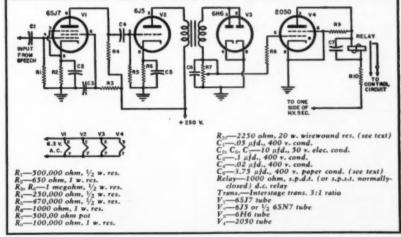
or 6 seconds. The timing usually used when on the fone net is 1 to 2 seconds which gives fairly snappy operation. No trouble was experienced with volume from the loudspeaker kicking the transmitter on except in cases of high frequency heterodyne. Of course, headphones can be used to make sure that such a thing will not happen and have been used by the author in cases of high QRM.

A number of relays are used in the transmitter to control operation as well as in the antenna circuit for switching and in the receiver for muting. A 24 volt supply is used to operate these relays and connections are made from the two binding posts on the unit to this circuit. In this way (Continued on page 98)

Complete schematic diagram of the four-tube, voice controlled robot unit.

An electronic robot-it will turn on your

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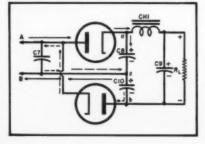
## Designed especially for the ham living in crowded quarters, this compact unit is rated at 12 watts.

T LEAST one ham I know has stayed off the air because of the apartment shortage. Whenever he expresses his frustrated desire to build a rig and pound brass, his wife draws herself up to her full 5 feet 2 inches and says, "What? In this twoby-four apartment you want to crowd the place with equipment when there isn't even enough room for me to hang my nylons!" That response has stopped the poor guy cold for the last three years. Each Saturday morning he can be seen with his nose pressed against the plate glass windows of the stores on radio row, a pathetic figure of a man. Out of sympathy for my friend and his fellow sufferers, I constructed a "small but powerful" rig, one that won't crowd the wife.

It's a 12-watt job, compact and efficient, easy to construct in an evening's time, ideal for the beginner, for the fellow who gets a kick out of compact equipment, and for the fellow who wants a standby installation. ham who has pounded brass will tell you that 12 watts of rig gets an operator plenty of DX and rag chews. The rig uses a 6V6GT tube as a crystalcontrolled pentode oscillator and, except for the small power transformer, all components are mounted on a chassis that measures only 3"x5"x1%" Contained on this chassis are the oscillator tube, crystal, tuning coil and condenser, the voltage doubler, and the power supply filter.

The only way to achieve this compact construction was to mount the power transformer as a separate unit. The elimination of rectifier tubes has been made possible by the availability of selenium rectifiers. These rectifiers are small, require no heater elements. are efficient and capable of withstanding high peak current surges without breakdown. The life expectancy of a selenium rectifier is quite long. are available in a variety of ratings to meet all sorts of designs. For our purpose, the 75 milliampere unit is excellent with its 900 milliampere peak rat-Thus we have the power supply rectifiers. They can be installed without worrying about burnout. power transformer is a Merit #P-3045.

Fig. 1. The basic voltage doubler circuit.



which has a half-wave 117 volt, 50 milliampere secondary, and a 6.3 volt, 1.5 ampere filament winding. The "high voltage" secondary is rated at a little under 6 watts but, because power is drawn intermittently (only when the key is down), it works quite nicely in this application without overheating. We obtain a voltage that is much higher than 117 from the secondary by using a voltage doubler circuit.

The voltage doubler is by no means a new or even recent invention. The idea has been used by many receiver manufacturers although I haven't seen many ham circuits making use of this technique. It's intriguing to think that one can take a voltage and, without the use of inductors or transformers. actually double it. And it really is quite simple. The basic circuit of a voltage doubler is shown in Fig. 1. The voltage doubler must operate from an alternating current power source. Because of the unidirectional characteristic of rectifiers, current flows through only one of the rectifiers for each half cycle of the line's alternating polarity. When the polarity at point A is positive with respect to point B, the current flow is as indicated by the solid This flow of current charges C, and point a is positive with respect to point z. During the half cycle which makes point B positive with respect to point A, current flows only in the direction' indicated by the broken arrow. This flow of current makes point z positive with respect to point b, charging C10. This leads to the conclusion that, since C, and C, are in series from point a to point b, the voltage measured across a to b is the sum of the charges on the individual condensers. However, one condenser is discharging while the other is charging. The re-

sulting output voltage is, therefore, not actually twice the voltage of the supply line. A more correct name than "voltage doubler" is voltage adder; the voltage across Cs, at any given instant, being added to the voltage across  $C_{10}$ . The ripple frequency of this circuit is twice the line frequency. In this regard, the "symmetrical voltage doubler" is similar to the full-wave rectifier. If condensers  $C_n$ and  $C_{10}$  are not approximately equal in value, the ripple voltage will contain a component of the line frequency. It is usually assumed that the two condensers of a voltage doubler circuit will be equal in value, and such is the case in the power supply of our little transmitter.

The capacitances of  $C_0$  and  $C_{10}$  very definitely affect the output voltage of the power supply. Fig. 2 shows the relationship between the capacitances, load current of the oscillator tube, and the output voltage. It is then obvious why 20  $\mu$ fd. has been selected as the value of both  $C_0$  and  $C_{10}$ . With the values given in the transmitter schematic wiring diagram of Fig. 3, the voltage output of the power supply is about 250.

The chassis layout can be seen in the photographs of the completed unit. The power supply components, except for the small power transformer, are mounted across the back edge of the chassis top. The radio frequency components occupy the remaining top space of the chassis. The power transformer is most conveniently mounted on a small block of wood approximately  $3x4x\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

If a larger chassis were to be used the transformer could be mounted with the balance of the transmitter.

The controls seen on the leading edge of the chassis are, from left to right, the tuning indicator light, the meter-key jack, and the plate tuning condenser. The antenna terminals are two Eby binding posts with insulated bases and shoulder washers to prevent short circuiting to the metal chassis. The tuning coils are National plug-in units, type AR-16. A National XB-16 socket mounts on the chassis top on stand-off insulators. By changing crystals and the plug-in coils, bands are selected. No "transmit-standby" switch is necessary for this rig since the 6V6GT oscillator tube draws current and goes into oscillation only when a meter or key is plugged into the jack. After the wiring has been completed and checked, the rig is ready to be tuned and put on the air.

The major reason for tuning up a transmitter is the same as when you connect the voice coil of a loudspeaker to the 8 ohm winding of an amplifier output transformer—to match impedances and gain a maximum transfer of power from one unit to the other. In the case of tuning up this little rig, you want to get a maximum of the power generated by the oscillator into the antenna. Your choice of the type of antenna depends entirely on your location, apartment, home, surround-

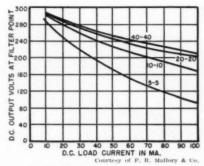


Fig. 2. Relationship between the capacitances, load current of the oscillator tube, and the output voltage of the rig.

ing objects, or how high up-in-the-air you can get it.

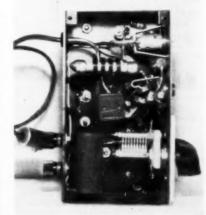
As with most things, the most desirable antenna design is the simplest one you can construct that is consistent with reasonable performance. I recommend either one of these two well known types, the folded doublet and the 2-band end-fed wire.

#### A One Band Antenna

If one band operation is desired, the antenna shown in Fig. 4, the half-wave doublet, has been in satisfactory use for years and years. Many commercial FM and TV, as well as commercial communication and ham stations. use this basic antenna design. It's quite easy to figure out the necessary length of wire to match the particular crystal frequency at which you are operating. For example, you want to operate on 40 meters and your crystal frequency is 7150 kc., the middle of the band. Follow these steps and you can cut the antenna wire to the length necessary to resonate with any ham crystal. In the formula: L = 468/fsubstitute the crystal frequency in megacycles for f. L then becomes the length of the antenna in feet. In this case L = 468/7.15 or 65.45 feet.

For practical wire cutting purposes,

Bottom view of the transmitter chassis. Although the chassis measures just 3x 5x1¾ inches there is a surprising amount of space available even after all of the parts have been wired into place.



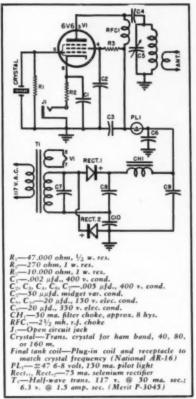
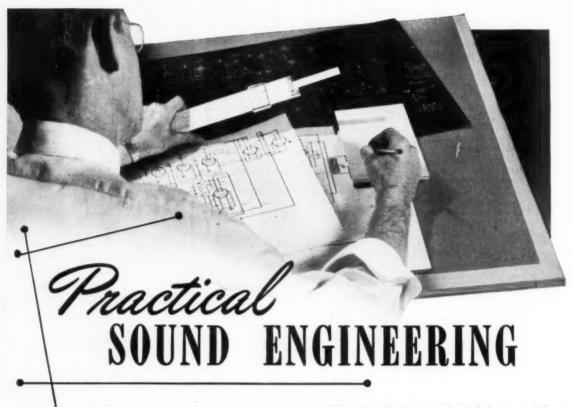


Fig. 3. Complete circuit diagram of the compact, 12-watt transmitter which can be built on a 3x5x1<sup>3</sup>4-inch chassis.

65½ feet is close enough. As shown in Fig. 4, split the 65½ feet long wire at the midway point and trim 6 inches off each end of the two wires. Then, as in the diagram, form an insulated splice to join the two wires together. This is done by using two non-conducting antenna insulators and another short piece of wire between them, so measured that the entire splice section (Continued on page 133)

Top view of rig shows efficient use of small space. In a line down the side are the iller choke, two selenium rectifiers. and the electrolytics. The crystal, tube, and coil are also visible in this photo.





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Part 3. The decibel—its definition and how it is used as a convenient tool by the design engineer to calculate gains and losses in audio equipment.

N THE field of acoustics and sound engineering, the range of sound intensities or pressures is so great that it has been found necessary to establish a standard scale of units by which they might be gauged. As the human ear hears in a logarithmic manner, it was necessary for the scale of units to be a logarithmic function.

At an international convention of telephone engineers and other interested persons held in 1938, the "bel," so-called in honor of Alexander Graham Bell, was adopted as a standard unit of measurement, replacing the former "transmission unit" (tu.) used for the measurement of sound intensities.

The bel is equal to the common logarithmic ratio of two powers. When the ratio is 10/1, the powers differ by one bel. The decibel is the unit generally employed to express the magnitude of changes in sound intensity or signal level, and is 1/10 of a bel. The symbol for the decibel is db.

The decibel is most useful in audio design work and audio frequency measurements. In audio engineering large power ratios are reduced to numbers more convenient to handle. If the power at the output of a device is 10,000,000 times that at the input, the ratio is expressed simply as 70 db.

Gain and loss may be added or subtracted directly. In acoustic measurements, the decibel is used to express a change in the intensity level. The change in level can be expressed either in decibels or "volume units". A change of 1 volume unit (vu.) is equal to a change of 1 decibel. The term "volume unit" is generally used when speaking of complex waveforms comprising speech or music, or both. To use the decibel equation and its derivatives, a knowledge of logarithms is essential.

Logarithms are basically nothing more than an expanded system of powers of ten. The first step in taking the logarithm of a number is to express that number as a number between one and ten multiplied by the proper power of ten. Let us consider the number 278,000. This can be written as 2.78 x 10<sup>5</sup>, and is as far as we go in a simple powers of ten operation, but in logarithms, we can go farther.

Let us now express the 2.78, also as a power of ten. Remembering that 10° is equal to 10, it is obvious that any number between 1 and 10 will have a corresponding power of ten between zero and one and numbers between zero and one are decimals. The number 2.78 can be written as 10°.444 and, consequently, the entire number can also be written as 10°.444 x 10°. In multiplying such

numbers, we merely add exponents, which gives us 10<sup>5.444</sup> as the power of ten corresponding to the number 278,000. To convert this to a log, we merely neglect to write ten; thus: log<sub>10</sub> 278,000 equals 5.444.

A logarithm is divided into two parts, the whole number (in this case 5) and the decimal part (.444). The whole number is called the "characteristic," and the decimal part the "mantissa." Observe that the characteristic is the power of ten used to express the original number as a number between one and ten, and the mantissa is the power of ten corresponding to the number as it was written. Mantissas are always decimals, and are obtained from a log table.

The characteristic is never printed in the log table, nor is it read on a slide rule. The characteristic is determined by the number of digits, *i.e.*, 0=units, 1=tens, 2=hundreds, 3=thousands, 4=ten thousands, 5=hundred thousands, 6=millions, 7=ten millions, 8=hundred millions, and 9=billions.

When a number is between 1 and 10, the characteristic is zero, because it will be between 10° and 10¹. We can find the characteristic by writing the number in units and applying powers of ten. In doing so, the exponent of the power of ten will be the characteristic.

For example: 765,000 would be written  $7.65 \times 10^5$ . Its characteristic would be 5 or, given the figure 0.000765, written in powers of ten, we would have  $7.65 \times 10^{-4}$  and the characteristic would be -4.

The characteristic may also be determined by the application of one of the following rules:

Rule One: For numbers greater than unity, the characteristic is one less than the number of digits to the left of the decimal point.

Example: Consider the number 34. This number has two digits to the left of the decimal point, therefore, the characteristic is 1. The number 340 has three digits to the left of the decimal point; hence, the characteristic would be 2, etc.

Rule Two: For numbers less than unity, the characteristic is negative and one more than the number of zeros between the decimal point and the first

significant digit.

Example: Consider 0.0403. There is only one zero between the decimal point and the first significant figure. Hence, the characteristic would be -2. Or, if we were given the figure 0.000403, we have three zeros between the decimal point and the first significant figure and the characteristic would, therefore, be -4, one more than the number of zeros between the decimal point and the first significant figure.

As has been previously stated, the fractional part of the logarithm is called the mantissa. All mantissas are positive. When a log has a negative characteristic, it is written 3. The minus sign above the characteristic indicates that the characteristic and only the characteristic is negative. The mantissa, determined by the use of log

tables, is always positive.

Thus far we have discussed the conversion of a number to a logarithm. We must now consider the conversion of a logarithm to a number, or an "antilog." When converting a log to a number, the first step is to read the mantissa from the log tables and then place the decimal point. The antilog is sometimes written as log-1, which simply means, antilog of the number. Suppose we were given the problem: log-1 3.6990; find the number. Remember that the notation log-1 indicates that the figure or figures following it are already a logarithm and must not be further converted into a logarithm.

Referring to a log table, we find the mantissa 6990 under the "0" column and opposite the "N" column figure of 50. Thus we know our resultant figure will be 50 something. The characteristic of 3 tells us that the number will be greater than unity (see Rule One) and because it is 3, the number, then, must be FOUR places to the left of the decimal point, or 5000.

Suppose, however, that the problem had read log<sup>-1</sup> 0.6990. The characteristic here is zero, indicating the number is greater than one and less than ten. The mantissa is the same, so we would arrive at the result that log<sup>-1</sup> 0.6990

equals 5.0. Similarly, if the problem had read log-1 .6990 the result would be 0.05, since the characteristic of indicates one more than the number of zeros between the decimal point and the first significant digit, or the position of the first significant figure to the right of the decimal point.

#### Use of Decibels

Gain is defined as an increase of power and may be expressed in decibels. A reduction in power is considered a negative gain, and is expressed in decibels as a loss. The decibel is used to express amplifier gain, variations in frequency response, power output, and the intensity of sounds. It is also used to express the loss of attenuators and the frequency characteristics of equalizers, filters, and similar equipment. Very often a reference level is used in conjunction with such measurements.

The two reference levels in current use are 1 milliwatt and 6 milliwatts. The first reference level is based on the flow of 1 milliwatt of power in a 600 ohm circuit. The second reference level is based on the flow of 6 milliwatts of power in a circuit resistance of 500 ohms.

Equipment manufactured since 1938 is designed and calibrated for the 1 milliwatt reference level. The 6 milliwatt reference level was in general use prior to 1938 and is still being used by the majority of the motion picture studios in Hollywood. The 6 milliwatt reference level was adopted in the early days of telephony as a standard because it represented the amount of power required for satisfactory reproduction by the telephone equipment then in use. A number of years ago RCA introduced a 12.5 milliwatt reference level, which was used by the broadcasting and recording industries: however, this was later replaced by the 6 milliwatt reference level.

With the 1 milliwatt reference level came a new term, "zero-dbm.", meaning that the power level under discussion is in relation to 1 milliwatt of power in a 600 ohm circuit. In the discussion of reference levels, the term dbm. applies only to the 1 milliwatt reference level, while the term db. is used only to express levels referring to the 6 milliwatt reference level.

The use of a 1 milliwatt reference level has its advantages. It is a unit quantity; hence, it is readily applica-

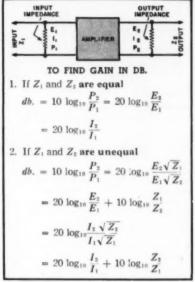


Fig. 1. Amplifier circuit and the formulas used to determine the gain of amplifier.

ble to the decimal system, being related to the watt by a factor of 10<sup>-3</sup>, which results in positive values for the majority of measurements.

When speaking of quantities above the reference level, it is said to be "n" db. above, and then referring to levels below, "n" db. below.

The gain of an amplifier is positive because it amplifies the signal and increases its amplitude. Other devices, such as mixer networks, filters, equalizers, and attenuators all produce a loss when inserted in a circuit, and result in a reduction of power at their outputs.

In the general decibel equation, we make use of a ratio between two powers, one of which may be a fixed reference level. In the calculation of gain or loss, the power at the output of a device is compared to the power at its input. When the decibel is used in this sense, there is no fixed reference level.

The second most common application of the decibel is the expression of power at some point in a system. The equation for this expression requires the use of two powers and their ratios. For the second power we use the standard reference level, and state it along with the level in decibels.

If it is stated that the level at some

Table 1. How widely divergent ratios may be calculated by inspection.

RATIO	Log <sub>10</sub> of RATIO	DB. for POWER RATIO	DB. for I or E RATIO
.0001	-4	-40	-80
.001	-3	-30	-60
.01	-2	-20	-40
.1	-1	-10	-20
1.	0	0	0
10.	1	10	20
100.	2	20	40
1000.	3	30	60
10000.	4	40	80
100000.	5	50	100
1000000.	6 -	60	120

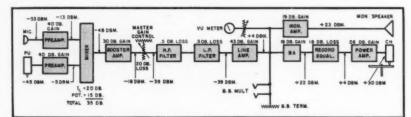


Fig. 2. Block diagram of a recording system illustrating range of levels encountered.

point in a recording system is plus 30 db., it means that the power at that point is 30 db. above the reference level, and expresses the power at that point with respect to the reference level.

A db. gain or loss may be used to express the ratio between the output and the input power of a device, and is indicative of the amount of amplification or loss in power of the signal, after passing through the device. This ratio is expressed by multiplying the logarithm of the power ratio by 10.

Amplifier gain is always stated simply as "n" db. gain. Quantities expressed in decibels may be added or subtracted, but never multiplied. Thus, if two amplifiers of 20 db. gain are connected in cascade or tandem, the total gain for the two is 40 db.

To prevent confusion as to which reference level has been employed in the rating of equipment, we express the power level in "db." for the 6 milliwatt reference level, and for the 1 milliwatt level, we use the term "dbm." (the *m* meaning milliwatt), to remind us that the statement is with respect to the 1 milliwatt reference level. The method of calculation is the same when using either reference level, except for the powers.

It is frequently of interest to know the voltage in a circuit represented by these reference levels. The voltage may be determined by the use of equation (1).

where: P equals the power in watts and Z the circuit impedance, in ohms. Using equation (1) we find that the

Using equation (1) we find that the voltage for 1 milliwatt of power in a 600 ohm circuit is 0.773 volt and for 6 milliwatts in a 500 ohm circuit 1.73 volts.

For power levels expressed in db. and dbm. there is a *fixed* relationship between the levels. It is obvious that, for a given amount of power, the numerical value of db. will be greater for the 1 milliwatt reference level than for the 6 milliwatt reference level. This difference is 7.78 db. Therefore, a

plus 10 db. is equivalent to a plus 17.78 dbm. This difference between the reference powers may be found by equation (2).

$$db. = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_1}{P_2} \dots \dots$$
 (2)

Substituting in equation (2);

= 
$$10 \log_{10} \frac{6}{1} = 6$$
  
 $10 \log_{10} 6 = 10 \times 0.778 = 7.78 \ db$ .

This same equation may also be used to find the output level of an amplifier in db., although the output level is quoted in watts. As an example: assume we have an amplifier which is stated to have an output power of 10 watts. What is the equivalent in dbm.? Using equation (2) and the 1 milliwatt reference level:

$$db. = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_1}{P_2}$$

$$= 10 \log_{10} \frac{10}{0.001} = 10,000$$

$$10 \times \log 10,000 = 10 \times 4 = 40 \ dbm.$$

Because this represents a power greater than the reference level, we place a plus sign in front of the 40, thus the output level is plus 40 dbm. If the output was taken with respect to the 6 milliwatt reference level, the output would be a plus 32.22 db. It is now easy to see how an amplifier rated in db. could be very easily overloaded if an attempt were made to obtain an output level equivalent to that for the 1 milliwatt reference level. It is important to remember that every time the output level is increased 3 db., the output power must be doubled.

In both the examples thus far the greater power was placed in the numerator; naturally, the result will always be greater than unity, and the characteristic of the log will be zero or a plus quantity. In this way negative characteristics are avoided. Since it is known if the device has a gain or loss, it is only necessary to place the proper sign before the resulting answer.

When two values of voltage or cur-

Table 2. Gains and losses in a sound system and how they are added to attain over-all gain.

LOSSES		GAINS	
Mixer	20 db.	Misc. preamp 40 db. Booster ampl 30 db. Line ampl 43 db.	Total gain157 db. Total loss 74 db.
Total loss		Bridg. ampl 18 db. Rec. ampl 26 db. Total gain 157 db.	NET GAIN 83 db.

rent are to be compared, the logarithm is multiplied by 20 instead of 10, as the power varies directly as the square of the current. Doubling the log is equivalent to squaring the number. Therefore, for problems involving current or voltage, the equations (3) and (4) are used

$$db. = 20 \log_{10} \frac{E_2}{E_1}$$
 . . . . . . . . . (3)

$$db. = 20 \log_{10} \frac{I_2}{I_1} \dots (4)$$

where:  $E_1$  equals the input voltage and  $E_2$  the output voltage and  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ , the input and output currents.

One precaution must be observed when using equations (3) and (4); they may *only* be used when the input and output impedances are equal in value. If the impedances are unequal in value, equations (5) and (6) are substituted.

$$db. = 20 \log_{10} \frac{E_2 \sqrt{Z_1}}{E_1 \sqrt{Z_2}} . . . . . . (5)$$

$$db. = 20 \log_{10} \frac{I_2 \sqrt{Z_2}}{I_1 \sqrt{Z_1}}$$
 (6)

A typical example of how the gain of an amplifier with unequal input and output impedances is calculated, is given below using equation (5). Assume we have an amplifier with an input impedance of 250 ohms, and an output impedance of 500 ohms. The signal voltage at the input is 0.005 volt and the signal voltage at the output is 5.0 volts. What is the gain in db.?

$$db. = 20 \log_{10} \frac{E_2 \sqrt{Z_1}}{E_1 \sqrt{Z_2}}$$

$$= 20 \log_{10} \frac{5 \times \sqrt{250}}{5 \times 10^{-3} \times \sqrt{500}}$$

$$20 \log_{10} \frac{5 \times 15.8}{5 \times 10^{-3} \times 22.4} = \frac{79.0}{112 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$= 20 \log_{10} 705 = 20 \times 2.8482$$

$$= 56.96 \ db.$$

A problem that often arises in the design of audio amplifiers is: What will be the effective increase or decrease in the gain of an amplifier using an input transformer with an impedance ratio of 500 to 100,000 ohms, as compared to a transformer with an impedance ratio of 500 to 60,000 ohms, for the same level input signal.

First, we must know the turns ratio of the transformers. Turns ratio is equal to the square root of the impedance ratio. For the first transformer:

Turns Ratio = 
$$\sqrt{100,000/500} = \sqrt{200}$$
  
= 14.14

For the second transformer:

Turns Ratio = 
$$\sqrt{60,000/500} = \sqrt{120}$$
  
= 10.95

Substituting in equation (3);

$$db$$
. =  $20 \log_{10} \frac{14.14}{10.95}$  =  $1.292$   
 $20 \times \log_{10} 1.292$  =  $20 \times 0.111$   
=  $2.22 db$ .

Therefore, if we substitute the second transformer and match the input (Continued on page 143)



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HIS month it is a pleasure to dedicate the ISW DEPART-MENT to stations in widely-separated corners of the earth-namely, Monrovia, Liberia, in Africa, and YNDG, Leon, Nicaragua, in Central America.

This information concerning ELBC came direct from Dr. John B. West, president, the Liberian Broadcasting Company, Monrovia, Liberia, which is

the QRA for reports.

ELBC, the initial outlet of the Liberian Broadcasting Company, went on the air from its studios in Monrovia on May 2, 1950, transmitting with 1 kw., using a folded dipole antenna, on 6.025. The station broadcasts each night at 1945-2345 GMT (1445-1845 EST). Program material consists of popular, classical, folk, and children's music, children's stories, dramatic presenta-tions, news and advertisements in English; and music, news, and advertising in Arabic and French.

Personnel includes a radio engineer. two radio technicians, two Englishspeaking announcers, an Arabic-speaking announcer, and a French-speaking announcer, as well as a musical librarian and stenographic help.

One of the most popular programs of ELBC is at 1515-1545 EST under the title "Children's Corner, with Uncle John;" another is "Listeners' Choice," directed by disc-jockey Richard Prees, at 1745-1845 each Saturday evening. The children's program is daily and includes music, education, and folk tales. as well as other famous types of children's stories of educational value.

At present, ELBC transmits for the "Voice of America;" Sears, Roebuck and Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and RCA International of the United States, and for such local (Liberian) firms as National Manufacturing Company and National Drug Company. Negotiations are in progress with 11 other American firms for advertising contracts, and with six firms in Great Britain.

"We will readily verify any correct logs reported to us in writing," says Dr. West, "and will reply negatively in writing to those that are incorrect.

We will pay the postage."

At the time this was compiled, plans were being drawn for a new studiotransmitter building to house two new transmitters on shipment to Liberia. Each of the new transmitters is 1 kw. and will be coupled with new highfidelity audio equipment and studio console. One will be used with a North-South high-gain directional antenna, and the other on a similar East-West antenna. The present transmitter will continue on a non-directional basis for radial coverage of the immediate surrounding area. New frequencies were yet to be assigned by the Liberian Chief of Communications, but will be in the 25- and 19-m. bands, respectively. By this time the new transmitters may be in operation. I hope to have further details soon.

ELBC also was drafting plans for 'Learn English by Radio" which will carry education to the hinterland of Liberia; this probably will be effected in July or August of this year, and will be radiated during (local) day-

Just recently, ELBC has been coming through fair to good in the United States, probably due to more favorable seasonal propagation conditions approaching the optimum between Liberia and this country, and/or recently-effected improvement of coupling the transmitter to the antenna. Reception here in West Virginia normally is best towards closedown (1845 EST which is 2300 Liberian Time), and signal strength, quality, and QRM vary from day to day. Frequent announcements are noted and the station is easy to identify.

And direct from Dennis E. Gallo, manager, D. E. Gallo & Co., operator of Radio Colonial, YNDG, 5.995, Leon, Nicaragua, comes this interesting

YNDG began operations on April 1, 1938, on a frequency of 7.660 in the 39meter band. Power was 100 watts, using a 35T on final, modulating with a pair of TZ20's. In 1947, the present rig-a Hallicrafters BC-610 E-was bought from the U.S. Government. It is a 250 watt transmitter. In February 1950, power was increased to 1 kw., using a new final with two 250TH tubes and a new power supply with two 866 tubes using 2400 volts and 350 mils on final. The old final of the rig. a 250TH, is a driver now with 60 mils; 100 mils on grid of final, also a new modulator transformer was installed to take care of the increased power.

On January 1, 1951, a new frequency was assigned by the Nicaraguan government—5.995. YNDG is on the air daily 1700-2300.

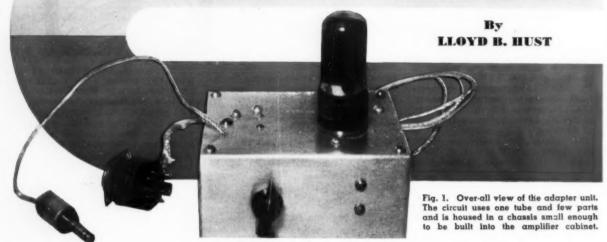
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(Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all time is expressed in American EST: add 5 hours for GCT. "News" refers to newscasts in the English language. In order to avoid confusion, the 24 hour c'ock has been used in designating the times of broadcasts. The hours from midnight until moon are shown as 0000 to 1200 while from 1 p.m. to midnight are shown as 1300 to 2400.) The symbol "V" following a listed frequency indicates "varying." The station may operate either above or below the frequency given. "A" means frequency is approximate.

YNDG, 5.995, Radio Colonial, Leon, Nicaragua, uses a Hallicrafters BC-610E. Since this photograph was taken the station's power has been increased to 1 kw. and additional equipment has been added. Dennis E. Gallo is the manager of this outlet.



# Adapt Your Amplifier for MAGNETIC RECORDING



#### Construction details on an ultrasonic oscillator that can be used with your audio amplifier for recording and erasing on magnetic tape or wire.

T IS a well-known fact that the ordinary amplifier is not suitable for magnetic recording unless it is especially adapted for this service. In fact, early experiments in magnetic recording were discontinued because, although magnetic impressions could be placed on the recording medium by feeding the output from a standard amplifier into an electromagnetic type of recording head, the recorded signal was of low amplitude, low signal-tonoise ratio, and of extremely high distortion. One reason for this is the non-linear relationship which exists between a constant-current recording signal and the magnetization characteristics of the permanent magnetic recording material. Experiments showed that the application of a d.c. bias voltage to the recording medium during recording would somewhat improve the amplitude and quality of the recorded signal, but the problem of low signal-to-noise ratio remained. The substitution of an ultrasonic a.c. bias for the d.c. bias helped greatly to overcome this difficulty. This mixing of this ultrasonic frequency with the audio signal being recorded usually takes place in the recording head. with both voltages being fed into the head simultaneously.

If the audio signal from an ordinary amplifier is fed into a recording head along with an alternating voltage of from 25 to 50 kc., the signal impressed upon the recording medium, be it tape

or wire, will result in a magnetic pattern, which, upon playback through the same amplifier will result in a frequency response curve somewhat similar to that shown in Fig. 2. It will be seen from this curve, that for maximum fidelity, or for a "flat" recording and playback characteristic, the recording and/or playback amplifiers must be equalized at both the high and low frequency ends of the audio spec-Probably the most efficient method of equalizing to achieve a relatively flat response in magnetic recordings is to pre-emphasize the high frequencies and to post-emphasize the low frequencies, or possibly even both high and low frequencies. This method minimizes the possibility of over-recording overloading the medium which would be likely to occur if the low frequencies were boosted during the recording cycle.

The modern recording amplifier, therefore, differs from the ordinary amplifier principally in two respects; first, in the incorporation of a source of high frequency bias current, and second, in the provision of equalization networks—high boost circuits for the recording cycle and high and low boost circuits for the playback cycle. Often this amplifier will also supply an ultrasonic voltage suitable for erasing a previously recorded signal.

Many experimenters would like to use their present amplifiers for magnetic recording. The adapter herein

described will make this possible at a minimum of cost and with no internal changes required in the amplifier. The adapter is essentially an oscillator capable of supplying the necessary ultrasonic bias for recording and erasing of recorded signals. It is so constructed that it can be connected to the amplifier or disconnected in just a few moments. A switch is incorporated to connect the proper portion of the amplifier to the recording head and to disconnect the plate voltage from the oscillator tube while a record is being played so that the signal will not be erased. A separate switch is used to disconnect the lead from the plate of the amplifier when playing back a recording so that regenerative feedback will not occur.

This unit will work well with most of the high impedance heads now on the market. The erase voltage developed by this unit is sufficient to energize most low impedance erase heads. Very good results were obtained using the adapter with a Shure Model 815 head designed for tape recording. This head is a combination record-playback and erase head. The constructor may wish to use some other head, however, and any high impedance recording head will work well with this unit. A low impedance recording head will also work well, but in case such a head is used, the voltage from  $L_1$  will have to supply the head with its bias voltage and the audio voltage will have to come from the secondary of the output transformer used in the amplifier. The fact that this unit can be used with practically any kind of head makes it a very versatile device.

The schematic diagram for the adapter is shown in Fig. 4. The oscillator coil  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  should be con-

structed as follows: The first half of  $L_1$ -100 turns of #25 enameled wire-is layer wound upon a form  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " long.  $(1\frac{3}{4}$ " of this length is taken up by the actual windings) The ends of the form should be equipped with fiber washers so that the coil, when finished, will be as nearly cylindrical as possible. L2 is wound directly over the first half of L, and is insulated from it by a layer of varnished cambric. (Heavy waxed paper will be suitable if the cambric is unavailable.) L2 consists of 1000 turns of #30 enameled single cotton-covered wire and is tapped at the 275th turn. It may be difficult to wind this coil in even layers and "scramble" winding will be satisfactory if the coil is kept as cylindrical as possible. This winding should be covered with an insulating layer and the second half of  $L_1$  is wound over it. This consists of another 100 turns of #25 enameled wire. The starting end of the second half of  $L_1$ is connected to the finish end of the first half and both halves should be wound in the same direction.

The chassis used should be deep enough to house the coil and other components and a bottom plate should be employed to minimize radiation. (The chassis used by the author measured 4"x5"x2" deep). If these precautions are not taken, harmonics of the output of the oscillator may beat against the station carrier wave in an associated radio set, creating undesir-

able interference.

Pin jacks are used to connect the wires from the record-playback head and the erase head (or sections of the same head). Shielded wire is used and the connectors should make positive contact with their sockets. The lead to the input of the amplifier should be shielded and should be equipped with a connector which will fit the microphone input of the amplifier used. The lead to the plate of the output tube must be shielded or much difficulty will ensue. In general these leads should be kept as short as possible.

The connections to the amplifier, which are made to supply filament and plate power as well as to supply the audio voltage to the adapter, are made through a plug-socket connector which is plugged into the socket of one of the output tubes of the amplifier and into which the amplifier output tube is plugged. Fig. 3 shows how this connector is assembled from the base of an octal tube and an octal socket. A % hole is drilled in the side of the tube base and the leads from the oscillator are taken through this hole. They are soldered to the appropriate socket pins —filament leads to pins 2 and 7, plate lead to pin 3, "B+" lead to pin 4. Then a flexible lead is made from each socket terminal to the corresponding pin in the tube base. The connections indicated are for the beam power type of tube, such as 6V6 or 6L6 with which most amplifiers are equipped. If the amplifier to be used does not use this type of output tube, it may be necessary to wire in a special connector to

the amplifier so that the proper voltages can be obtained. The "B-" lead and the shield on the wire connecting to the plate of the output tube should be connected to the amplifier chassis with a clip.

Since different amplifiers may have different voltages present at the output tubes, the value of R2 may have to be changed to compensate for this difference. The voltage at the plate of the 6V6 should be in the neighborhood of 275, although the value is not critical. In order to develop sufficient voltage for some erase heads it may be necessary to raise this voltage some. Raising it above 300 volts will have a tendency to cause the oscillator to deliver a distorted wave rather than the true sine wave which is necessary if distortion-free recordings are to be obtained

The record-playback head receives its audio voltage directly from the plate of the output tube of the amplifier through a .25 \(\mu fd.\), 600 volt condenser in series with a 25,000 ohm, \(\frac{1}{2}\) watt resistor. The return lead of this head is to ground. The bias voltage is fed into this head through a 150 μμfd. mica condenser directly from the plate of the oscillator tube. The erase head receives its voltage from the secondary winding  $(L_1)$  of the oscillator coil.

Probably the most difficult problem in the construction of this unit is that of eliminating any regenerative feedback from the output to the input of the amplifier. This problem is brought about because it is necessary to bring the output and input leads fairly close together so that the proper circuit can be switched into the record-playback head. The switch S2 is not a part of the rotary switch S. because of the possibility of feedback. S2 is a toggle switch which is located as shown in the diagram of the chassis. This arrangement minimizes the likelihood of feedback.

The condenser Co resonates with the head when it is used for playback. This gives the necessary high boost.

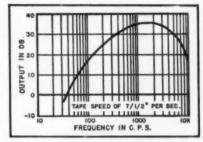


Fig. 2. Unequalized response of magnetic tape.

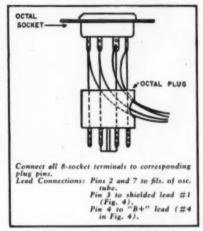
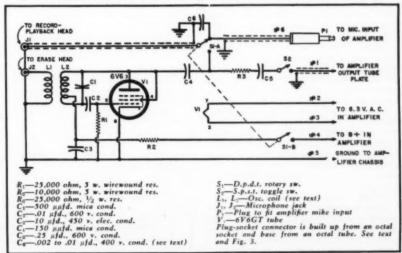


Fig. 3. Construction of plug-socket unit.

The value of this condenser varies with individual heads, and will range from .002 to .01 µfd. However, a condenser of .005 µfd. will give good results with most heads. For best high frequency boost, different values for Ce should be tried. In order to eliminate any changes in the amplifier being used, no other equalizing circuits are shown. Since most amplifiers are equipped with tone controls, the proper use of these controls will enable the operator to record and play back a signal with it flat over a wide (Continued on page 118)

Fig. 4. Complete schematic diagram and parts list for the magnetic recording adapter.





EY, Chief," Barney called to Mac, "bend an ear to this sour-sounding combo, will you? Seems all okay on the radio, but it's strictly from hunger on the platters. Suppose it could be the crystal cartridge? I checked the output of the pickup with the v.t.v.m., and it peaks right up to the rated two-and-a-half volts, without any jerking of the meter pointer like you get with a cracked crystal; but just listen to the awful things it is doing to the voice of 'liltin' Martha Tilton.'"

Mac lifted the tone arm from the record and looked at the crystal; then he sauntered to the back of the radio and record-player combination and took a long look at the wiring at the rear of the chassis.

"The equipment is all right," he said, "but the outfit is suffering from what guys in the service call 'cockpit trouble,' meaning 'fouled up by the operator.' Originally that tone-arm carried a beam-of-light pickup system, and the very low output of the light cell was amplified by a high-gain amplifier running wide open. During the war it became impossible to get light cell replacements, and a technician has changed this one over to a crystal cartridge. The idea is good, but the method is wrong. The full output of the crystal cartridge is run straight into the amplifier, feeding it ten or twenty times as much signal as it was designed to handle. The result is the heavy overloading and distortion that

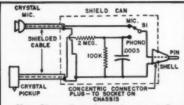
"Well, what's to do about it?"

Before answering, Mac slid a drawer out of a steel filing cabinet and riffled through the index cards. Then he pulled out a mimeographed sheet and sailed it across to Barney. "Rewire the phono and microphone inputs according to this diagram," he told the youth. "That attenuator network (see Fig. 1) will make the pickup do justice to Martha's voice."

Barney looked at his employer quizzically. "I'm wondering how it always 'just happens' that you have the information on tap for licking nearly every problem I bring up," he said slowly. "For instance, how did you come by this diagram?"

"Elementary, my dear Watson," Mac replied cheerfully; "I sent for it. You may have noticed that I study radio magazines, house organs, advertising pamphlets, etc. received here at the shop almost as thoroughly as you go over Esquire cartoons. When I see a manufacturer is offering an informative brochure on some subject in connection with radio or television, I send for it, read it, and file it away for future reference. On top of that, when I run across something that puzzles me in service work and which I cannot answer by myself, I don't hesitate to call

Fig. 1. Astatic Corporation's crystal replacement for a Philoo photoelectric unit.



Note: Photocell transformer is not used. Concentric connector plug is taken from large shielded cable used to connect transformer to socket on chassis.

snictaged cable used to connect transformer to socket on chassis. The values given in the circuit diagram provide the same frequency response as original photoelectric unit when Astalic LP-6 cartridge is used.

for help by writing to the company that made the puzzling gadget. You'd be surprised how much time and trouble a big manufacturer will go to in order to help you do a better service job on his products. That cabinet is stuffed with letters from company engineers."

"While I'm changing over this pickup, and while my mind is on the subject, why don't you go through that file and give me some more good hot dope on the phonograph cartridges," Barney suggested.

"Okay," Mac agreed as he pulled a fat file from the cabinet; "but just remember you asked for it. For instance, did you know that a Rochelle salt crystal cartridge has its greatest output at 70 degrees, Fahrenheit, and that will function normally and have a very long life under temperature and humidity conditions most comfortable to human beings? Seventy to eighty degrees and a relative humidity of fifty per-cent is just right for people and crystal cartridges."

"The tropics must be kind of hard on the cartridges," Barney's muffled voice said as he lay on his back with his head inside the speaker compart-

ment of the combination.

"They are. In the daytime tropical temperature and humidity are both high. At night the temperature may drop 50 degrees while the relative humidity remains high. The effect on the hygroscopic cartridge is to make it practically suck water into itself. The moisture lowers the resistance of the crystal element, causing a reduction in output and a change in frequency response most noticeable as a loss of low frequencies. Eventually, enough moisture will ruin the crystal either by dissolving it or by promoting fungus growth that accomplishes the same end."

"Any way of licking the problem?"
Barney asked as he vigorously shook
excess solder from the tip of his solder

"There are some partial solutions. Crystal cartridge manufacturers use every known method to waterproof their products. Some of them make up special humidity-proofed units for use in the tropics. None of these measures, however, will completely prevent hydration; but they help a lot in slowing up the process and extending the

life of the crystal.

"There are some things the cartridge-user can do to help. One thing is to keep a low-wattage bulb burning inside the radio cabinet near the crystal. This will keep the temperature fairly even and will dry some of the moisture from the atmosphere. The trick is to make sure the temperature of the crystal never goes above 110 degrees. The melting point of Rochelle salt is just slightly above 120 degrees, and the closer the cartridge is operated to this temperature, the shorter will be its life span.

"Another practical solution, especially with plug-in type cartridges, is

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# SQUARE-WAVE TESTING SPEEDS TV SERVICING

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Not a new technique but one that will provide a faster and more accurate method of servicing.

S LONG as the test pattern is clear and sharp in a TV receiver and the lines of the vertical wedges can be clearly distinguished down to the center circle, it may be safely said that all signal circuits in the receiver are operating normally (see Fig. 1). If the picture quality deteriorates, the definition may suffer (Fig. 2) with the result that the lines "fade out" before reaching the central circle.

This condition (Fig. 2), may be caused either by defects in the video i.f. stages, or by defects in the video amplifier following the 2nd detector. The technician, upon encountering these conditions, may immediately assume that the trouble is in the video i.f., then spend from 30 minutes to an hour carefully realigning the i.f., only to find that the condition still exists. Or he may assume the trouble to be in the video amplifier, then spend considerable time trying substitute parts and checking plate and screen voltages in the video amplifier circuits.

However, by using a square-wave generator and easily applied test techniques, the average technician may within only a few minutes, definitely find whether the trouble is in the video amplifier or not. He may then continue the same technique to isolate the trouble to a stage or part, or, if the video amplifier is shown to be clear of defects, concentrate on the video i.f. with

full assurance he has isolated the trouble.

The basic connections necessary for the equipment used in applying this time-saving test technique are shown in block diagram form in Fig. 3. Actual connections are shown schematically in Fig. 4, where a part of the video amplifier circuit for the popular RCA 630TS TV receiver is used as an example. In practice, connections to and from the square-wave generator and to the cathode-ray oscilloscope are kept as short as possible. Open leads should be used unless shielded connections are necessary to minimize stray hum pick-up. If

a "low-capacity" probe is available for the oscilloscope, this should definitely be employed to prevent undue capacity loading of the 2nd video amplifier stage.

Several square-wave generators are available and all are generally satisfactory for carrying out the test techniques to be described. The generator should, however, at least meet the following basic requirements:

1. It should be able to supply both low and high frequency square-wave signals (50 c.p.s., 1 kc., or 10 kc., 100 kc., and 500 kc. or 1 mc.).

The square-wave signals supplied should have short rise time (maximum tolerable for high frequency signals is 1 microsecond).

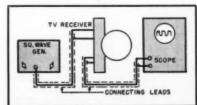
3. Low output impedance (not over 600 ohms).

 Control over output. Should be able to adjust output from several volts to under 1 volt.

5. The signals supplied should be free from overshoots and tilt at all frequencies within its range.

Any standard cathode-ray oscillo-





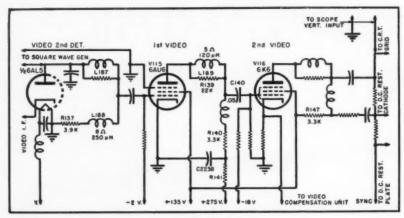


Fig. 4

scope may be used, provided it has good vertical response characteristics and has a sweep permitting at least two or three cycles of any of the square wave signals used in testing to be observed. For checking video amplifiers, the vertical amplifier of the scope should be reasonably flat ( $\pm$  3 db.) to 5 mc., should be free of overshoots, and should not introduce tilt in a 50 c.p.s. square wave.

If you do not know the characteristics of your scope, it may be checked by connecting the square-wave generator directly to the vertical input terminals and observing high and low frequency signals. The square waves should retain their "perfect" form, should not exhibit overshoots, and should not be rounded or tilted at frequencies of 50 c.p.s. 10 kc., 100 kc., or 500 kc.

#### Square-Wave Testing

Square-wave testing techniques have been described briefly in an earlier article<sup>1</sup>, and general information concerning analysis of the square-wave signals was given then. However, a brief review may be of value at this point.

Referring to Fig. 5A, a "perfect" square wave (3) may be considered to be made up of a sine wave (1), plus third (2) and higher odd harmonic signals, but of decreasing amplitude. The "body" of the square wave and its flat top are due primarily to the lower frequency signals, while the sharp leading and trailing edges are due to the higher frequency harmonics.

If there is a loss of lower frequency signals, or phase shift with respect to the higher frequency harmonics, the flat top of the square wave may be "tilted" and may even be concave as shown in Fig. 5B. A boost at frequencies near the fundamental of the square wave may result in a tilt in the opposite direction and in a convex top.

A loss of higher frequency signals results in "rounding" of the leading edges as in Fig. 5C, while accentuation or peaking at higher frequencies may

result in damped oscillations and "overshoots" as in Fig. 5D.

#### Troubleshooting

To prepare the following data, the author used an RCA 630TS television receiver, a Tektronix type 105 squarewave generator, and a Tektronix Model 511AD cathode-ray oscilloscope. However, since video amplifiers used in different TV receivers are essentially of the same form, the data obtained may be considered general, and will serve as a guide when servicing any TV receiver. Similarly, any test equipment meeting the general specifications outlined will be suitable for carrying out the test technique.

Defects were actually introduced in the TV receiver to cause complaints similar to those illustrated in Fig. 2, but in varying degree. Square-wave test techniques were then applied, and the resulting waveforms carefully traced.

Normal: Before introducing any defects, square-wave signals of 50 c.p.s., 10 kc., 100 kc., and 500 kc. were introduced in the video amplifier and output waveforms observed, to obtain the 'normal" response of the video amplifier (Fig. 4). The waveforms obtained are illustrated in Fig. 6 (A to D). A 50 c.p.s. signal was tilted slightly, as shown in Fig. 6A. The 10 kc. square wave (Fig. 6B) was almost "perfect" except for a slight overshoot and "wriggle" on the leading edge, indicating the effect of the peaking coils. This is shown further by the 100 kc. square wave and the 500 kc. square wave, Figs. 6C and 6D, respectively. At these frequencies, however, "rounding" appears due to the drop-off in high frequency response.

C<sub>222B</sub> increased in capacity: A 10 µfd. electrolytic condenser was shunted across C<sub>222B</sub>, (Fig. 4) doubling its effective capacity. No change occurred in the 10 kc., 100 kc., and 500 kc. signals. The 50 c.p.s. signal was tilted slightly more, but not appreciably. This simply indicated insufficient low-frequency compensation. Such a condition would probably not be noticed in the majority of TV receivers.

C2228 decreased in capacity: When

C2238 was removed from the circuit and a .5 #fd. condenser substituted, simulating a decrease in capacity or a partially open condenser, it was again found that the 10 kc., 100 kc., and 500 kc. square-wave signals were not changed. However, the 50 c.p.s. signal was changed appreciably and appeared as in Fig. 6E. This indicates peaking at a low frequency, and would affect a picture by preventing rapid changes in shade over large areas of the picture. Thus a scene with a light background and dark foreground would appear as gray fading to light followed by gray fading to black rather than as sharp whites and blacks.

C222B open: An open in C222B was next shown by removing this condenser completely from the circuit. This effectively made  $R_{101}$  part of the plate load for the 6AU6. When this was done, it was found that the amplitude of the output signal became much higher for the same input and that a ripple appeared along the top of the 50 c.p.s. square wave, as shown in Fig. Apparently C2238 also serves to remove some hum and this appears superimposed on the square wave. The 10 kc. signal appeared normal, except that the slight "wriggle" on the leading edge disappeared. Both the 100 kc. and 500 kc. square waves were rounded, as shown in Figs. 6G and 6H, respectively, indicating a severe loss of higher frequency signals due to the increased plate load resistance of the 6AU6. As far as a picture is concerned, this defect would appear as a severe loss of high frequency definition (Fig. 2), together with faint 120 c.p.s. "hum bars" superimposed on the scene

C<sub>100</sub> changed to .01 µfd.: A partially open coupling condenser does not affect the 10kc., 100 kc. or 500 kc. squarewave signals, but the tilt and concavity of the 50 c.p.s. signal increased as shown in Fig. 6I. Such a defect would affect a picture as shown in Fig. 2, but to a much greater degree. . . It would be completely blurred.

C<sub>100</sub> changed to .0001 μfd.: When the coupling condenser becomes almost completely open, the 50 c.p.s. square wave is differentiated and appears as a pulse as shown in Fig. 6J, while phase shift even causes the 10 kc. square wave to become tilted as shown in Fig. 6K. Both the 100 kc. and 500 kc. square-wave signals remain unaffected, however. Such a defect would result in severe "smearing" of a reproduced picture.

 $L_{iii}$  opened: An open peaking coil permits its damping resistor ( $R_{vib}$ ) to become part of the plate load resistance and to act as a voltage divider with the normal plate load resistor. As may be expected, the only effect of this defect on the 50 c.p.s. and 10 kc. squarewave signals is to reduce their amplitude. The 100 kc. and 500 kc. signals are rounded considerably, however, indicating a severe loss of high frequency components. Such a defect would result in a picture appearing as shown in Fig. 2. The 100 kc. and 500 kc. wave-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Garner, Louis E., Jr.: "Wide Frequency Range Square-Wave Clipper," Radio & Television News, March, 1950.

forms are shown in Figs. 6L and 7A, respectively.

L<sub>108</sub> shorted: With peaking coil L<sub>108</sub> shorted, the 50 c.p.s. and 10 kc. signals are not affected, and the only effect on the 100 kc. square-wave signal is a slightly increased rounding of the leading edge, while the 500 kc. signal appears as shown in Fig. 7B. On a picture, this defect would result in a slight, but not severe, loss of definition.

R<sub>137</sub> shorted: All square-wave signals are affected with this defect, for peaking coils  $L_{187}$  and  $L_{188}$  act almost alone as a load for the video 2nd detector. Almost all low frequency signals are lost, with a 50 c.p.s. signal appearing as a pulse as shown in Fig. 7C. The 10 kc. signal appears as shown in Fig. 7D, while the 100 kc. signal appears somewhat similar as shown in Fig. 7E. Finally, the 500 kc. signal appears as in Fig. 7F. The effect of this defect on the picture would likewise be severe. Smear would appear, indicative of poor low frequency response and phase shift, and duplicate pictures would appear to follow the image (similar to 'ghosts"), indicative of the "ringing" which causes the ripples shown in the higher frequency square-wave signals.

R<sub>100</sub> increased to 10,000 ohms: When the plate load resistor increases in value, low frequency response is generally unaffected, and a 50 c.p.s. square wave appears almost normal as shown in Fig. 7G. High frequency response of the video amplifier suffers, however, and the 100 kc. (Fig. 7H) and 500 kc. (Fig. 7I) are rounded appreciably. Such a defect would result in severe loss of high frequency definition, with the test pattern appearing somewhat as shown in Fig. 2.

Rus changed to 1000 ohms: In the final example, the plate load resistor for the 6K6 was changed from 3300 to 1000 ohms. It was found that the 50 c.p.s. square-wave signal was affected only as far as amplitude was concerned (somewhat lower in amplitude), but that severe overshoots and "ringing" occurred in all higher frequency square-wave signals. The 10 kc. square-wave signal is shown in Fig. 7J, while the 100 kc. and 500 kc. signals appear as shown in Figs. 7K and 7L, respectively. Such a defect, while not introducing "smear" (as did a short in  $R_{137}$ ), does cause severe "ringing." Multiple images appear right alongside the main image as far as a picture is concerned, with each additional "image" represented by a peak in the oscillatory wavetrain appearing after the leading edges of the square-wave signals shown in Fig. 7 (J to L). It is generally possible to distinguish multiple images due to "ringing" from those due to "ghosts" by several important characteristics.

First, multiple images due to "ringing" only follow sharp changes in picture brightness, such as a change from black to white. On the other hand, "ghosts" are complete duplicate images. Secondly, where ringing occurs, several multiple images are formed, all of which are quite close together,

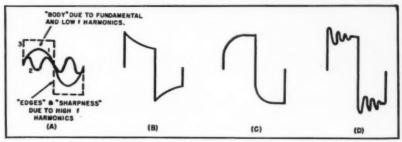


Fig. 5

and with about equal spacing. "Ghosts" may be unequally spaced with respect to one another and the main image, and are usually further apart. In addition, there are seldom more than one or two ghosts present, except in unusual locations.

Finally, the number and appearance of ghosts will generally vary from station to station, while the multiple images due to "ringing" will stay the same on all stations.

#### Scope Not Always Needed

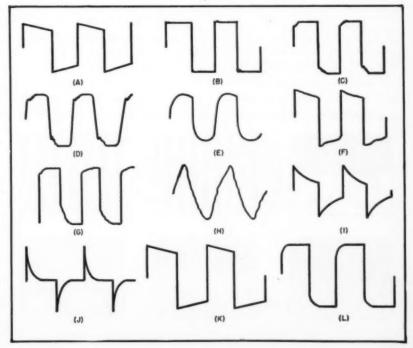
Although we have thus far been concerned primarily with the changes in signal waveform as observed on a cathode-ray oscilloscope, it is often possible to use square-wave signals for testing TV receivers even if an oscilloscope is not available. To do this, two conditions must be met. (1) The cathode-ray tube circuit of the TV receiver must be in operating condition, permitting the video signal represented by the square-wave to appear on the screen of the set; (2) It must be possible to either adjust the frequency of the "hold" controls in the receiver, or the frequency of the square-wave generator, until the square-wave signal "locks-in" with either the horizontal or vertical sweep circuits.

Assuming that the two conditions outlined above can be met, and this will be true in most cases, then a more rapid servicing technique may be employed. The connections of the square-wave generator remain as in Fig. 4, but no scope is necessary.

A square-wave signal with a frequency between 50 and 70 c.p.s. may be locked-in by adjusting the "Vertical Hold" control, and should appear as shown in Fig. 9A. Each "half" of the screen should be perfectly "white" or "black," with no shades of gray present, as long as the low frequency response of the receiver is normal (it may be necessary to adjust the "Contrast" and "Brightness" controls). A high-frequency square-wave signal (between 150 kc. and 450 kc.), when locked-in by adjustment of the "Horizontal Hold" control, should appear as a series of vertical black and white lines or bars, as shown in Fig. 9B.

Either the upper or lower "half" of the screen may be "white" when a low frequency square-wave signal is used,

Fig. 6



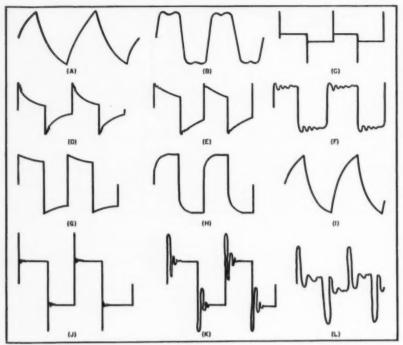


Fig. 7



Fig. 8

depending on exactly how the vertical sweep locks-in with the square-wave signal

High Frequency Response may be determined by examining the vertical bars obtained with a high frequency square-wave signal (Fig. 9B). These bars should be distinct, with sharp black and white edges, and with each bar perfectly white or black.

Poor high frequency response causes a "haziness" along the edges so that the transition from "white" to "black" is not distinct or clear. This may be caused by too large a plate load resistor in the video amplifier, or by an open or shorted peaking coil, as we have seen (Figs. 6F-G-H-L and 7A-G-H-I).

Phase shift at high frequencies prevents the bars from being perfectly white or black over their entire width, and there may be a fading into gray.

Ringing, or damped oscillation, caused by too small a plate load resistor and similar defects (Figs. 7C-DE-F-J-K-L), results in a series of fine lines following each change from white to black (and vice versa), as shown in Fig. 9C.

Low Frequency Response may be similarly checked by observing the pattern on the screen of the TV receiver. With normal response, a 50 to 70 c.p.s. square wave appears as a

"black" and "white" half, as we have seen in Fig. 9A.

A boost in low frequencies due to over-compensation (Fig. 6E) results in a pattern as shown in Fig. 9D. Instead of sharp and distinct whites and blacks, the pattern appears as gray darkening to black, followed by gray lightening to white.

A loss in low frequencies (Fig. 6I) results in a pattern of black fading to gray, followed by white fading to gray as seen in Fig. 9E.

A severe loss of low frequencies, as may be caused by an open coupling condenser (Fig. 6J-K) appears as a black bar followed by a large gray area, with a white bar followed by a similar large gray area (Fig. 9F).

#### Further Applications

If a signal generator supplying signals at either the TV i.f. or r.f. values is available, and it permits external modulation, then the square-wave generator may be used to check over-all response characteristics u s i ng the technique just described. The connections shown in Fig. 8 are used.

Be sure that the r.f. signal generator used will permit high-frequency square-wave modulation, however. If the generator will not permit this type of modulation, misleading results may be obtained.

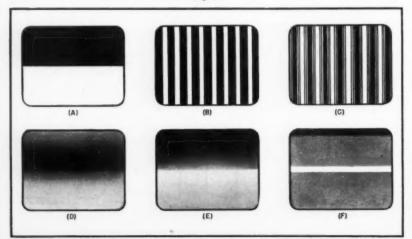
Since a square-wave signal with a frequency between 150 kc. and 450 kc. will produce a number of equally spaced vertical bars or lines on the screen of the picture tube (once locked-in with the horizontal sweep), such a signal may be used for checking the horizontal linearity of the TV receiver, and for adjusting such controls as "Horizontal Drive," "Horizontal Linearity," and "Width."

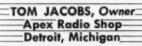
A square-wave signal with a frequency between 600 and 900 c.p.s. may be locked-in by using the "Vertical Hold" control to produce a number of equally spaced horizontal lines or bars. Such a signal may then be used for checking vertical sweep linearity, and for adjusting the "Vertical Linearity" and "Height" controls.

As we have seen, the square-wave generator, when used alone, or in combination with an oscilloscope or r.f. signal generator, may be used for quickly checking such TV receiver characteristics as definition, high-frequency response, ringing, low-frequency response and phase-shift, horizontal linearity and vertical linearity. With these many possible applications, the square-wave generator ranks along-side the cathode-ray oscilloscope in versatility of application.

With a definite need growing for new and more rapid TV receiver servicing techniques, and with TV stations devoting less time to test pattern transmission (requiring other means for checking definition and sweep linearity), it may be that the square-wave generator will one day become as important a part of the TV servicing laboratory as is the vacuum tube voltmeter today.

Fig. 9







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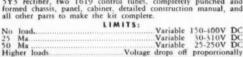
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The instrument is housed in a portable metal case measuring 1511/32" x 111/32" x 61/3".

G-V Controls Inc., 28 Hollywood Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey has developed a hermetically sealed thermal time delay relay which has been designed to permit the adjustment of the time interval by the user while the relay remains completely sealed, thus retaining all the advantages of the present non-adjustable sealed thermal timing relays.

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ing a screw located outside the sealed space. This screw permits the timing to be changed over a 5 to 1 range.

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ature size, ¾" in diameter and 2%" seated height, fits a 7-pin miniature tube socket. The unit is also available in the conventional size with octal base. Contacts are single pole, rated at 6 amperes and can be supplied either to close or to open at the end of the timing interval. Relays are available for any energizing voltage up to 125 v. and operate interchangeably on a.c. and d.c. Operating power is 4 watts and relays may be energized continuously without injury.

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Complete details on this new accessory are available from the company on request.

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sistors per minute, irrespective of type. The new unit has been specifically designed for checking incoming shipments of resistors, matching, grading to close tolerances, or checking factory output.

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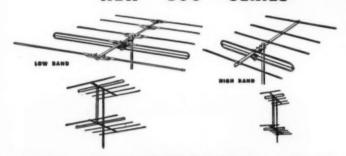


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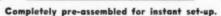
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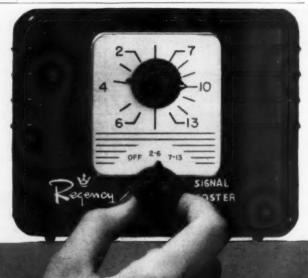
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41MD22	RO2M	ND	E	.80	41MD44	Blue Stripe		_	90
41MD28	RO2M12T	NO	E	.80	41MD52	Blue Dot	SPDT	E	
41MC25	R-RS	MC	D	50	41MC8	Red Dat	NC	C	65
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41MD9	SW-186	NC	0	50	41MD39	Green Dot	NO	8	80
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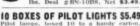
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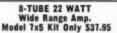
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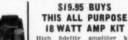
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## Speaker Cabinets (Continued from page 56)

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Subjective tests made upon the effect of the mounting height of the loudspeaker mechanism indicate that the most pleasing results are obtained when the top edge of the loudspeaker mechanism is located near the ear level. Therefore, every effort should

be made to mount the loudspeaker as near this level as possible. Since most of the serious listening is done while the listener is seated, the average ear level is 38 to 44 inches. The upper edge of the loudspeaker mechanism in the cabinet of Fig. 6 is about 38 inches above the floor. The mounting height of the loudspeaker mechanism in this cabinet satisfies the mounting height requirements.

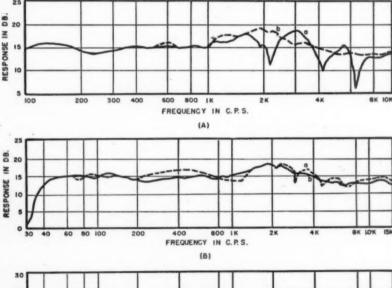
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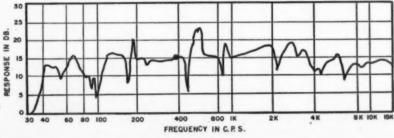
The outside configuration of the cabinet influences the response due to the diffraction effects introduced by the sharp discontinuities introduced by the edges of the cabinet.

The most common cabinet for mounting loudspeaker mechanisms is a rectangular parallelepiped as shown in Fig. 11. The loudspeaker mechanism is usually mounted near the top end of the cabinet.

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Fig. 10. Response frequency characteristics of a 15" direct radiator loudspeaker mechanism mounted (Aa) as shown in Fig. 9A in the cabinet of Fig. 8; (Ab) as shown in Fig. 9B in the same cabinet. The RCA Types LC1A, 515S1, and 515S2 duo cone loudspeaker mechanisms are designed for flush mounting in the wall of the cabinet. (Ba) Response frequency characteristic with speaker mounted in cabinet of Fig. 11, with cabinet walls made of the same thickness material as shown in Fig. 6. Stiffeners were used on all inside walls. The inside of cabinet was treated with damping material. The loudspeaker was mounted flush with front of cabinet as shown in Fig. 9B. The only essential difference between cabinets of Figs. 6 and 11 is outside shape. (Bb) Response of speaker mounted in cabinet of Fig. 6. (C) Response of same speaker in cabinet of type shown in Fig. 11. In this cabinet design all precautions for obtaining smooth response were purposely ignored to show what the result would be. Deviations from good design included a rectangular parallelepiped outside shape, thin and unbraced walls, untreaded inside walls, and speaker mounted on back of front cabinet wall as shown in Fig. 9A.





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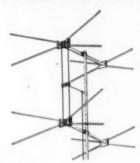
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shown in Fig. 11 is approximately the same as that of the cabinet of Fig. 6. The walls of the cabinet were made of the same material as that of Fig. 6. In addition, bracing strips were used on the large flat surfaces. The damping material was the same as that used in the cabinet of Fig. 6. The loudspeaker mechanism was mounted flush with the front of the cabinet of Fig. With these precautions, the essential difference between the cabinets of Figs. 6 and 11 is the outside configuration. The response frequency characteristic of a wide range loudspeaker mechanism mounted in the cabinet of Fig. 11 is shown in Fig. 10B(a). The response frequency characteristic of the same loudspeaker mechanism mounted in the cabinet of Fig. 6 is shown in Fig. 10B(b). The characteristics shown in Figs. 10B(a) and 10B(b) show the deleterious effects of the diffraction from the symmetrical mounting of a loudspeaker mechanism in a rectangular parallelepiped. The physical explanation is as follows: Sound waves spread out in all directions from the loudspeaker mechanism. As the sound waves strike the sharp discontinuity at the edges of the cabinet, they are diffracted. The diffracted waves are sent out in all directions and, depending upon the phase between primary and reflected waves, either add to or subtract from the primary waves produced by the loudspeaker. As a result, corresponding variations in the response are produced due to the interaction between the primary and secondary waves. In the cabinet of Fig. 6 the sharp edge discontinuities have been reduced, which minimizes the reflection and diffraction effects.

As a final check, all of the precautions necessary for obtaining smooth response as outlined in this article

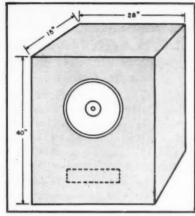


Fig. 11. Perspective view of a cabinet having the shape of a rectangular parallelepiped. The dimensions given yield the same volume as the cabinet shown in Fig. 8.

were purposely ignored to show what the result would be. A wide range loudspeaker mechanism was mounted in a cabinet of the rectangular parallelepiped type shown in Fig. 11. The walls were made of thin wood. The inside of the cabinet was not braced. There was no damping material used on the inside of the cabinet. The loudspeaker was mounted back of the cabinet wall, that is, not flush with the front of the cabinet. The same wide range loudspeaker mechanism used in all the tests reported herein was mounted in this cabinet. The response frequency characteristic obtained on this combination is shown in Fig. 10C. Comparing the characteristics of Figs. 10B(b) and 10C shows that the response of a good loudspeaker mechanism may be ruined by a poorly designed and built cabinet.

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WBRC-TV	Birmingham	330	4	Good (on occasion)
WIVI	Migmi	400	4	Good (on occasion)
WNBW	Washington	475	4	Good (on occasion)
WPTZ	Philadelphia	585	3	Good (on occasion)
WNBK	Cleveland	610	4	Good (on occasion)
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WBNT	New York	650	4	Good (on occasion)
WBEN-TV	Buffalo	700	4	Good (on occasion)
WOC-TV	Davenport	775	5	Fair (on occasion)
WHBF-TV	Rock Island	775	4	Good (on occasion)
WTMI-TV	Milwaukee	775	3	Fair (on occasion)
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WNAC-TV	Boston	820	7	Fair (seldom received)
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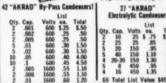
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Condenser Substitution (paper cond.)	3	S, to desired range	Test leads to A & B	Disconnect one lead o cond. in receiver and substitute cond through test leads			
Condenser Substitution (electrolytics)	5 or 6	S. and/or S. to desired range	Test leads to A & B	Disconnect anode o cond. in receiver and substitute cond through test leads. Observe polarity			
Continuity (high res.)	2	S: to "b"	Test leads to A & B Phones to C & D	Click in phones indi- cates continuity			
Continuity (low res.)	3	S: to any setting		Continuity indicated is lamp lights (See text			
Electrolytic Leakage	1	S. to "b". S. to "a" for 100 v. cond. or less. S. to "b" for over 100 v. cond. S. to "b".	Disconnect cond. anode from receiver. Connect of milliammeter to C Connect of milliammeter to cond. anode. Connect disconnected terminal of receiver to A	Turn receiver on. Let cond. form approx. 3 minutes. Throw S: to "a". Read milliamme- ter (See text)			
Electrolytic Quality	2	S. to ''d''	Disconnect anode of cond. from receiver. Connect phones to C & D. Connect cond. to A & B. Observe polarity.	3 minutes. Remove test			
Hum (filter circuit)	5 or 6	S: and/or S; to desired range	Test leads to A & B	Connect test leads across suspected cond- observing polarity. Re- duction in hum sug- gests defective cond. Confirm by substitution test.			
Pilot Lamp 6-8 v. only	2	S. to "b"	Test leads to A & D	Test leads to lamp. Lamp should light			
Resistor Substitute	3	S, to desired range	Test leads to A & B	Disconnect one end of resistor in receiver and substitute resistor through test leads			
Signal Generator	7	S <sub>10</sub> to ''b''	Coaxial cable probe to A	Touch probe to signal circuits of stages, work- ing from speaker to an- tenna. Signal will be heard in speaker if fol- lowing parts of stages are OK			
Signal Tracer (audio)	1	S: to "a", S: to either setting, S; to "b"	Phones to C & D Chassis to A Test probe to B	Touch probe to signal circuits in audio stage. If r.fi.f. stages are known to be OR, signals will be heard in phones if preceding parts of audio stage (s) are OK			
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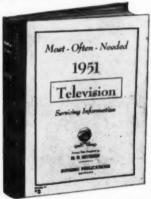
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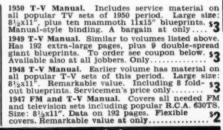
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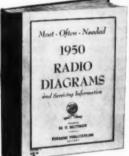
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SPECIFICATIONS

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\* ATTENUATION: The constant impedance attenuator is isolated from the oscillating circuit by the buffer tube. Output impedance of this model is only 100 ohms. This low impedance reduces losses in the output cable

\* OSCILLATORY CIRCUIT: Hartley oscillator with cathode follower buf-

for tube. Frequency stability is assured by modulating the buffer tube.

\*\*ACCURACY: Use of high-Q permeability tuned coils adjusted against
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#### SYNCHRONOUS GENERATORS

A new 4-page, two-color bulletin describing the company's "Tri-Clad" high speed synchronous generators is currently being offered by General Electric Company, Schenectady 5, New

The publication, GEA-5470, covers generators for standby, portable, and prime source power in ratings from 1.875 to 50 kva. with frequencies of 60 and 400 cycles. Four designs are described in the bulletin-the externally-regulated, self-regulated, and packaged-regulated 4-pole synchronous generators, and the high frequency 14-pole synchronous generator.

The bulletin lists all of the salient features of the units and provides over-all, cut-away, and exploded views of the generators.

The LaPointe-Plascomold Corporation of Windsor Locks, Conn. has issued its 1951 catalogue which lists the company's complete line of "Vee-D-X" television antennas and accessories.

Along with technical, installation, and ordering data on all antennas, the catalogue contains general informa-tion of interest to the trade. Considerable space has been devoted to such products as the company's lightning arrester, a three-way switch box, the new "Mighty-Match," and television

Copies of Catalogue 51 may be obtained by writing the company direct.

#### V.T.V.M.'S IN SERVICING

The Radio Tube Division of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York 19, New York has issued a new 48-page booklet containing comprehensive information on the use of vacuum tube voltmeters in radio and television servicing.

The booklet is divided into five chapters of concise instructive text describing different types of v.t.v.m.'s, their adjustment, and application in radio receiver tests and measurements, audio amplifier tests and measurements, television receiver tests, and in miscellaneous applications.

Copies of the booklet are being given without charge to dealers purchasing a Sylvania TV picture tube through any of the company's authorized distributors between this date and May 31, 1951. After that date copies of the booklet will be available at \$1.00 per copy.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

The Amplifilm Division of Aircraft-Marine Products Inc., 1340 N. Fourth

Street, Harrisburg, Pa. has issued a technical data sheet covering its line of "Capitron" high voltage condensers and pulse forming networks.

Since these units employ a new dielectric material, tradenamed "Amplifilm", some of the more pertinent details on this product are also included on the data sheet.

A copy of Bulletin AD-1 is available on request. Persons desiring more complete data on "Amplifilm" should also request a copy of Bulletin AD-2 the "Amplifilm Dielectric Sheet" pub-

#### G-E REPLACEMENT PARTS

A new television and radio replacement parts catalogue, listing parts for sets produced from 1945 to December 1, 1950, is currently being sent to distributors by the Receiver Division of General Electric Company, Syracuse, New York

The cloth-covered, 144-page, looseleaf catalogue features a cross reference between drawing number and part number, making it possible to determine from the drawing alone, all the information about any part. This is a new feature of the catalogue.

Further features include an alphabetical listing by parts number, new and complete part descriptions, set models in which each part is used, list price, and a revision service to keep salesmen up-to-date.

#### TV ACCESSORIES

Of interest to television technicians is the new television antenna and accessories catalogue recently published by JFD Manufacturing Co., Inc. of 6101 Sixteenth Avenue, Brooklyn 4, New York.

Designated Catalogue No. 58G, the new publication carries a complete listing of the company's line of television antennas, brackets, mounts, screw eyes, lightning arresters, indoor antennas, masts, insulators, transmission lines, guy and ground wire, etc. New listings include data on the company's "Long-Ranger" yagi antenna line.

Copies of the catalogue may be obtained either direct from the company or from the company's distributors.

#### TERMINALS AND CONNECTORS

The Thomas & Betts Co., Elizabeth 1. New Jersey has issued a comprehensive catalogue covering pressure terminals and connectors for all types of applications on all wire sizes from #26 through 250 MCM.

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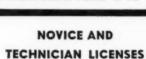
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#### CONDENSED CATALOGUE

Furst Electronics of 12 S. Jefferson Street, Chicago 6, Illinois has just issued a condensed catalogue which carries details on the company's line of regulated power supplies, a new wideband d.c. amplifier, and a new wow meter.

Information on this equipment is presented in tabular form and each unit is illustrated by a photograph. Nine different models of electronically-regulated power supplies are covered as are the Model 120 d.c. amplifier, the Model 115-R wow meter, and the Model 910 klystron power supply.

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#### "TELETOWERS"

A four-page booklet which lists the advantages of "Teletowers" has been issued by *Penn Boiler & Burner Mfg. Corp.* of Lancaster. Pa.

The colorful brochure points out the special features of this television mast by means of cartoon-type figures and actual photographs.

A copy of the booklet is available without charge from the company.

#### NEEDLE DISPLAY CASE

The Accessory Division of Philco Corporation, Philadelphia 34, Pa. has recently released a new phonograph needle display merchandiser which has been designed to help dealers and technicians sell Philco needles.

The new merchandiser, which contains a rear drawer holding 48 individually packaged needles, displays one needle of each type in a tamperproof, clear-view package on top of the unit. The company's 1951 line includes ruby, sapphire, long-life, and high-quality phonograph needles. Customers can read the advantages of each type of needle below the display package. Although the merchandiser takes up only a few square inches of counter space, it does a big job in helping customers select the proper needles for their individual needs.

#### INSTRUMENT DATA

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#### **Voice Controlled Unit**

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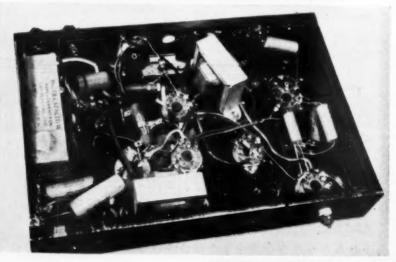
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In the front view of the unit the power transformer, rectifier tube, filter condenser, and relay are shown at the left of the chassis. The 2050 tube is in the center and the 6SJ7 and 6J5 are to the right of the chassis with

the 6H6 located between them and the 2050. The two binding posts for the control circuit are to the left on the front apron with the delay control next and the input connector to the extreme right. Connections are made through an Amphenol "Y" connector (not shown in the photograph) one side of which connects to the mike and the other side to the speech amplifier in the transmitter. If desired. two chassis connectors could be used instead. They should be wired in parallel with special attention being given to adequate shielding.

In the underchassis view of the unit, the filter choke is mounted at the rear of the chassis while the audio transformer is towards the front. There is an unused socket in the center of the chassis which is used mainly as a tie point for various leads.

Under chassis view of the unit. See text for identification of components.



#### **Mac's Service Shop**

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to keep the crystal, when not in use, in some kind of a desiccator. A capped fruit jar about half-filled with calcium chloride or silica gel and having a wire screen platform fastened above the level of the desiccant makes such a device. The cartridge is simply placed on the wire screen when not in use, and the moisture is removed from it and kept out of it by the action of the chemical beneath."

"Looks like we need a cartridge not affected by tropical heat and humid-

ity," Barney observed.

"We've got them. The ceramic and PN types of cartridges are both capable of withstanding high temperatures. The PN cartridge will temporarily take temperatures as high as 212 degrees without permanent injury. Then, too, there are the variable reluctance cartridges. Unfortunately, each of these has one drawback or another, such as low output voltage, nonlinear response, restricted range, or high cost that prevents any one from being the perfect substitute for the old reliable Rochelle salt cartridge."

"I'm a little hazy on just how crystal cartridges are made," Barney confessed. "I intend to save up a bunch of old ones and take them apart some

day when business is slack."

"There's no need to do that," Mac said. "I have reprints of several articles that have appeared in technical magazines which give isometric drawings, cross-section views, assembly pictures, etc., of both conventional and lever-type crystal cartridges. These illustrations and the accompanying text will give you a very clear idea of how cartridges are put together and how they work."

"That ought to be enough 'canned' information to hold me for a while," Barney said. "I'll read the stuff to-night. Now have you got any information that you have picked up from

your own experience?"

"You probably have most of that already," Mac said. "I have showed you how you can often detect a cracked crystal by applying a slight lateral pressure to the tone arm while it is playing a record. This pressure holds the broken edges firmly together and makes the output sound fairly good until the pressure is released. You have also heard me tell customers time and again to hold the needle, rather than the tone arm, with the fingers of the left hand while the needle-holding screw is tightened with the right. This prevents the excessive torque applied to the screw from being transmitted to the crystal itself.

"You also know how insistent I am on using an exact duplicate replacement cartridge when at all possible; and, when this cannot be done, we try to match the needle-pressure, voltage output, and frequency range of the substitute crystal as nearly as possible



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to the characteristics of the original. Just because a cartridge will fit mechanically is certainly no sign it is a satisfactory replacement.

"You have also noticed that I often sell and install a complete tone-arm when one of the old-fashioned crystal cartridges goes bad in a really good player. I do this to give the customer the advantages of new type cartridges, which include greatly reduced record wear because of lighter needle pressures and also extended tone range. Putting such a cartridge in one of those heavy old tone arms is no good. Of course, in the cheaper record players, such as those designed for playing children's records, this added expense is not warranted."

"I remember vividly," Barney said with a reminiscent grin, "that we never solder leads to cartridge pin-jacks with the jacks in place on the pins. I quote: "Those jacks are used just to keep the heat of the soldering iron away from the crystal element!"

"Well, I wanted to make that emphatic," Mac said with an answering grin. "And another point that is equally important is never to move a record player without first seeing to it that the tone arm is firmly fastened with Scotch tape or some other similar means so that it cannot flail around inside the cabinet while on the way to or from the shop. Many a cartridge has been taken for a last ride because this item was overlooked."

#### **Converting the Model 811**

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reconnect it to terminal #8 of the sweep transformer. Make sure the leads from the horizontal size coil do not short to the frame of the sweep transformer. Connections from terminals #4 and #8 of the sweep transformer should be made with high voltage insulation wire. Short out the series coil in the size control by shunting resistor  $R_{**}$  with a jumper wire. Terminal #5 on the transformer is not used.

Now remove the 4700 ohm resistor,  $R_{cs}$ , from across the horizontal linearity control,  $L_{is}$ .

Connect the new deflection yoke and focus coil into the circuit using the old components as a wiring guide.

Assemble and connect the 16KP4 picture tube to the chassis and turn the receiver on. Adjust the focus coil and ion trap for brightness and the width, horizontal linearity, height and vertical linearity controls for the most linear test pattern.

The height can be corrected by connecting a resistance box across the 2.2 megohm resistor,  $R_{30}$ , which is connected between pin #5 of the 6SN7GT vertical sweep generator ( $V_s$ ) and the vertical size control. The resistance should then be varied, together with the vertical size and height controls, until a linear pattern is obtained. Either the shunt resistance or total resistance can be measured with an



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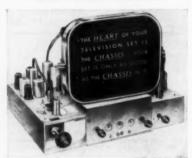
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#### Cabinet Changes

To adapt the cabinet of the Model 811 to accommodate the 12 inch tube first remove the mask and safety glass assembly which is held in by several wood screws accessible from the inside of the cabinet. If a 12LP4A picture tube is to be used, the wooden panel in back of the safety glass can be anglecut with a jig saw to make a 12 inch "expanded" mask. A template can be made according to the dimensions given in Fig. 3. This should be centered on the panel as the original opening was above center. The angle cut should be approximately the same as the original mask. The four angle brackets can be relocated so that the springs on the "grounding" ring will hold the 12LP4A in place. The front of this panel should be painted with a paint similar to that originally used. It was found that "Sunlit Green" in the Dutch Boy "Wonsover" brand paint was a very close match.

The brown paint backing between the mask opening and the inside bronze border on the safety glass must be removed. A razor blade or some other sharp instrument can be used for this purpose. The wooden block which holds the deflection yoke will have to be moved about one and a half inches toward the back of the cabinet. This is held by two wood screws and glue and can be removed by using a wood chisel to loosen the edges and then tapping with a hammer after the screws are removed. The complete receiver can now be reassembled and the twelve inch conversion is completed.

#### Sixteen-Inch Cabinet Changes

In making the necessary cabinet changes the safety glass and wooden panel were removed and discarded. Due to the slight difference between the 16KP4 and the 17BP4A faceplate, as shown in Fig. 4, either type tube or mask can be used. A 16 inch mask measuring 13½"x17" outside diameter was used. This mask filled the vertical opening completely and came within \( \frac{4}{0} \) on each side. The mask used was manufactured by the Tele-Plastics Co. and can be obtained through local radio parts distributors. The name of a distributor in your locality can be obtained by writing the Tele-Plastics Co., Division of Willmax Mfg. Co., 177 South 8th Street, Brooklyn 11, New York.

Two pieces of wood, 13"x1"x%" were cut to fill the side openings and hold the mask in place. These pieces were sanded and stained a dark wal-nut. Two ½" holes were drilled through the side of each piece about two inches from the top and bottom and mounted to each side of the cabinet in back of the mask, using 14" wood screws. Two 2" angles were fas-

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tened to the cabinet below the picture tube. A piece of ½" rubber cushion was attached to the top surface which provided a "shock" mount and held the picture tube in the correct horizontal position. The "grounding" ring was used to hold the tube to the cabinet by using only two of the four springs. The mounting block for the deflection yoke assembly was moved back about one and one-half inches as described in the 12" conversion. The completed receiver was reassembled and appears as shown in Fig. 2.

Just one word of caution to technicians who decided to undertake conversion work. Always check the complete receiver to make sure it is operating satisfactorily before disassembling. The reasons for this are obvious and it may save call-backs and considerable time when checking the receiver after the conversion has been made. The instructions included herewith are intended to convert the set, not correct circuit faults existing in the set before conversion!

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#### ATLANTA HAMFEST

THE 1951 Annual Hamfest of the Atlanta Radio Club has been scheduled for Sunday, June 10th at Robinson's Tropical Gardens in Atlanta.

An elaborate program featuring entertainment for every member of the family has been planned. Dinner will be served buffet style with seating for 800 being guaranteed.

Tickets for the affair are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children between 4 and 12 with children under 4 admitted free.

A drawing for door prizes will be held. Complete details on the Hamfest and tickets are available from Lee Connell, W4NQO, secretary of the club, 624 Page Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. —50—

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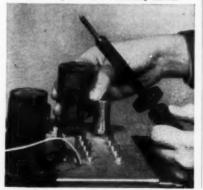
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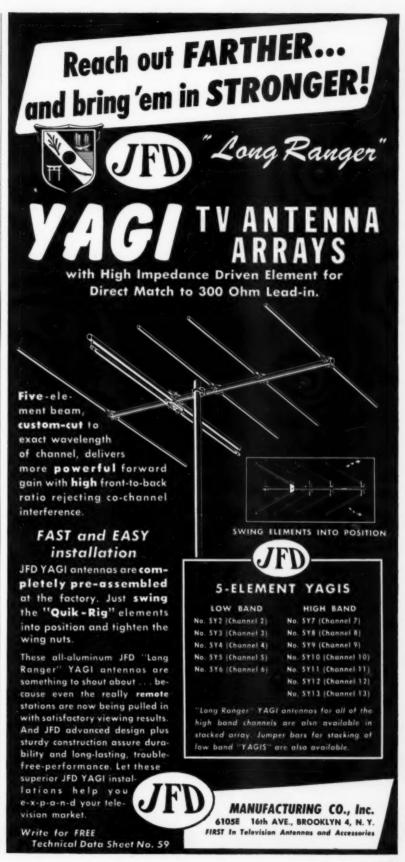
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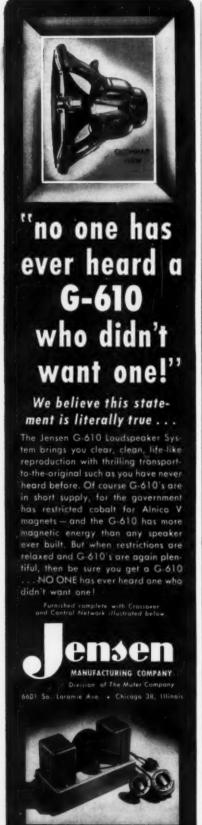
When using a soldering iron or other tools near one of these tubes, why not cover it with a tube puller as shown? The tube tip or glass envelope may be

saved from damage by so doing.

Use tube puller as a soldering shield.









## AS REPORTED BY THE TELEVISION TECHNICIANS LECTURE BUREAU

C. W. SAUNDERS, educational director of the Lecture Bureau and one of the industry's most popular lecturers on practical servicing of radio and television receivers, will deliver the major talks on servicing in May at the annual Town Meeting programs for radio and television technicians which are being sponsored by the Radio Manufacturers Association of Canada.

This year, two series of meetings for technicians have been scheduled by the service committee of the Radio Manufacturers Association of Canada. These are to run concurrently with the first program scheduled for Toronto on May 14, 15 and 16, and the second in Montreal on May 15, 16 and 17. Mr. Saunders will deliver lectures in both cities by means of arrangements the committee has made to dovetail his schedule.

This is the third consecutive year that Mr. Saunders has been invited to lecture at their annual meetings by our good neighbors on the north. His current lecture on the Bureau's program, "20 Basic Points for Television Receiver Service," which has been so very popular with the technicians who have heard it, will be one of the lectures he will present at the Canadian meetings.

#### Another National Federation Formed

The National Electronic Technicians & Service Dealers Association (NETSDA) was formed recently at a meeting in Washington, D. C., by delegates from twenty-two technician and servicing dealers associations.

The announced aims of this new organization are: (1) The furtherance and improvement of the electronic servicing industry; (2) To promote the welfare of servicing dealers and technicians; (3) To promote a better understanding between the electronic service industry and other major elements of the electronics industry; (4) To promote and secure better relations with the public; (5) To provide educational facilities for its members; (6) To raise the standards of the electronic servicing profession; (7) To cooperate with federal, state, and municipal agencies.

Deviating from the stand formerly

held by some associations in the new organization, the delegates voted to accept recognized television contracting and radio service associations as members without regard to the existence of state or regional federations in the areas where they operate.

Temporary officers selected by the delegates are Max Leibowitz of New York City, president; Norman R. Selinger of Washington, D. C., vice-president; Richard R. Devaney of Philadelphia, Pa., corresponding secretary; Roger K. Haines of Haddonfield, N. J., recording secretary; and Vance E. Beachley of Harrisburg, Pa., treasurer.

The address of NETSDA is Dorchester House, 1625 Kalorama Road, NW, Washington, D. C.

#### Price-Wage Freeze

The television service contractor and the radio service dealer who has not maintained an accurate "breakdown" of his sales of service and parts may find himself in hot water if he doesn't establish these records of past activity immediately. Last March 1st (1951) was the "deadline" for having such records prepared. Permissible charges for both labor and parts are tied to the charges that were made for labor and for parts during the selected "base period." This base period was selected as the period between December 19, 1950 and January 25, 1951.

According to current interpretation of the regulations issued by the Office of Economic Stabilization, the service dealers must keep the following rec-

1. Those records which he had on January 26, 1951 that show prices charged for goods and services during the base period. Also the records that show the latest net costs up to that date for parts and supplies which he purchased.

A statement of the categories of parts and supplies and a list of the services that he sold.

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The recent announcement by RCA detailing the accomplishments of its engineering research program in conserving critical materials underlines a number of changes that will be showing up in the parts and equipment used by the service industry. Outstanding among the engineering accomplishments described in the report are the development of a new electrostaticfocus television picture tube and the radical redesign of loudspeakers used in both radio and television receivers.

It is said that the performance of RCA's new electrostatic kinescope is fully comparable with the performance standards of the electromagneticallyfocused tubes now in use and that electrostatic focus is readily adaptable to all sizes of television picture tubes.

There was a substantial saving in the use of critical materials effected by the RCA Service Company, according to the report. An estimated saving of 50% in aluminum used for antenna masts during the first quarter of 1951 was accomplished through the use of smaller tubing and stronger allovs which permitted a reduction in wall thickness of the aluminum tubing used. The measures now in effect have reduced the consumption of copper in transmission lines by as much as 33% with tests now underway with "copperweld" or copper-coated steel wire promising a future reduction of 82% in the copper used.

RCA's revised specifications for some of the parts that they buy point up some of the changes that may be expected in replacement parts. These include:

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the effectiveness of its program is clearly indicated by the budding interest in other farm-belt cities in the formation of similar associations. Headed up by Jim Hustad, who is also secretary of the National Association of Television and Electronic Service Associations, the Omaha association was organized after Messrs Hustad and Briza made several trips to visit other organizations to observe their organizational structures and plans of operation.

Massachusetts radio and television service dealers were rudely shaken earlier this year when they discovered that a bill to license and regulate television servicing and sales in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was in the legislative hopper. Benjamin S. Sims, president of the Boston chapter of the Radio Television Technicians Guild, reported to the members of the Guild that:

"As an indication of what almost happened, is the fact that licensing of all radio and television servicemen almost became a reality during the past few days. If the manufacturers and distributors for two major companies had not intervened and blocked the licensing plan we would have lost a business and the privilege of servicing television sets or radios until we secured a license."

While space in this column does not permit a discussion of the features of the bills that were presented to the Massachusetts legislature, it must be pointed out that if these regulations had become laws they would have tied the entire radio and television retailing and servicing industry as it is now operated in that state, in a straightjacket. Although we decry these political attempts to regulate our businesses we would be less than honest if we didn't point out that the entire industry — manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and service operators-have been really asking for it in their pusillanimous efforts to solve the basic problems of the retail selling and servicing of television receivers. The growing concern and alarm of the National Better Business Bureau over the continuing flood of user complaints that keep flowing into BBB offices from coast-to-coast indicate that if the entire industry doesn't get together to correct the evils that beset the business-politicians will.

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The initial issue, a twelve-page,  $9 \times 12$  slick paper edition, is devoted chiefly to news of the many activities of TCA, its officers and its members. However, we were particularly impressed with one article in this issue that is typical of the incisive thinking of this association in matters that affect the television servicing industry.

The article, titled "Banks Asked to Recognize Their Position in TV Industry," points clearly to one potential control factor to prevent contracts for the initial installation and service of new receivers from getting into the hands of incapable or unreliable service operators.

"Banks and various credit agencies are some of the little known members of the television industry. Without money and credits TV, like any industry, would fold up and die. These agencies have profited greatly from the efforts of manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and service contractors but they have disclaimed any responsibility to the industry other than providing money at a profit.

"For a long time many service contractors, including the members of the Television Contractors Association, have been trying to tell the banks that they should develop an interest in television service. They have tried to point out that if service were poorly or dishonestly handled it would seriously interfere with their collections on the 'paper' they handle.

"The time is at hand, the Television Contractors Association believes, when banks and credit agencies should take drastic steps to insure their loans by making sure that all financed sets are serviced by competent and reliable contractors

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Although no official releases were issued concerning the subjects that were discussed at these meetings it is reliably reported that the BBB's are particularly incensed over the "in-warranty" parts debacle. This certainly should not have surprised anyone at this meeting for it has been pointed out repeatedly by TISA, TCA, and other service contract organizations—men who know from daily experience the real causes of the festering sores of consumer complaints—that the "in warranty" parts racket would sooner or later get the entire television industry into a mess of sizzling hot water.

When we see men in industry blandly ignore the glaring faults of their own segment of activity we find it easy to recapture the picture of "Honest" Jake Malik and his ingenuous statement to the UN delegates that, "Russians are free people; they can go where they want and work where they want. Everybody knows that."

# International Short-Wave

(Continued from page 63)

"We do not broadcast programs in English," Mr. Gallo explains, "but make identification in that language, usually every 15 minutes. All reports—that is, correct ones—are verified by letter. IRC's are not good in this country; therefore, we are asking DX-ers to remit a 10-cent U.S. postage stamp for return reply—or 10 cents in U.S. coin."

Our best wishes go to both ELBC and YNDG for long and successful careers in the field of short-wave broadcasting!

# What's Ahead?

Donald Fox, Washington, D.C., has supplied us with these interesting excerpts from an article by T. W. Bennington in "London Calling" (organ of the British Broadcasting Corporation) regarding reception conditions on short-waves used by the BBC in its overseas services, and forecasting that decreasing sunspot activity in 1951 will mean, in general, more and more use of the longer of the short-wave bands. In part, Mr. Bennington, wrote:

"Short waves travel to their destination by way of the reflecting layers of air in the upper atmosphere—the ionosphere, as it is called. The ionosphere is produced by the sun, and its condition—and hence the conditions for transmission of the short waves—varies with the sun's activity.

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on the average, about 11 years. Thus, the sunspot activity increases towards a maximum and then decreases towards a minimum again, which variation is the well-known sunspot cycle.

"When sunspot activity is at a maximum, the condition of the ionosphere is such that the shortest of the short waves are best transmitted: when the minimum approaches, the shorter short waves fail, and more and more use of the longer short waves must be

"The sunspot activity reached its last maximum in 1947, and since then it has been decreasing, though it has done so in a far from regular manner. Up to the end of 1949, in fact, the downward trend was only faintly apparent, but during 1950, and particularly during the latter half of the year, the general decrease in sunspot activity became much more rapid . . .

"How, then, is the situation likely to change during 1951? Well, no one has yet succeeded in accurately forecasting the sunspot-cycle changes for very long ahead, so we should, per-haps, be a little diffident in making precise statements about things which are entirely dependent on them-like the useful wavelengths for short-wave broadcasting.

"But of one thing we can be fairly sure: the sunspot activity will go on decreasing-or, at least, will not show any very large subsidiary increaseuntil it has reached a value something like that which prevailed in 1944, the year of the last minimum.

"Whether it will continue to decrease at its present rate is very difficult to say, but the chances are that it will not: that is to say, the activity should soon begin to decrease more slowly. So the ionospheric critical frequencies, following the sunspot number, may, during 1951, continue to decrease, but, after a time, begin to do so at a decreased rate.

During 1951, therefore, the wavelengths of most use for short-wave broadcasting are likely to become even longer than they are at present, and account will have to be taken of this. Of course, there will be the usual seasonal changes in the transmitting schedule, but, over and above these, there will be a general tendencyforced upon us by the changing conditions-to make more use of longer wavelengths.

"During the summer it is probable that 11 meters will fail in southerly directions, and that 13 meters will be of less utility than at present. For daytime broadcasting, more use will therefore have to be made of the 16meter and 19-meter bands. But it is at night-time that things are likely to become serious. During the summer, all should be well, the 25-meter and 31meter bands being usable over many circuits. But next winter only 42 and 49 meters are likely to be usable for nearly all services.

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services, the congestion in them is likely to be severe. A considerable amount of interference is, therefore, to be expected.

"Summing up," says Mr. Bennington, "we may say that during 1951 sunspot activity will most likely go on decreasing, and, as a result, the shorter wavelengths now in use, both by day and night, will become of less utility. During the summer, the situation is not likely to become severe, but, during the winter, and particularly at night, the crowding of stations into the only usable bands of 42 and 49 meters is likely to cause some increase in mutual interference."

# This Month's Schedules

(NOTE: During May, some stations may change to Summer Time; in such cases, you may find schedules one hour earlier than listed herein.-KRB)

Albania-Radio Korce is now audible on 7.950 weekdays 0100-0200, Sundays 0200-0300; daily 0800-0900, 1145-1430; output is 100 watts; sometimes the frequency is altered and the modulation is still very poor. (Radio Sweden)

Algeria-Radio Algerie has two new short-wave transmitters under construction, according to a recent ISWL Bulletin from London.

Angola-Ridgeway, South Africa, reports Nova Lisboa on 5.093, good level at 1545; also heard well on 11.925 sometimes around 0600 with Portuguese music.

Argentina-LRT, 11.840, Tucuman, noted 2230 and signing off in Spanish 2250. (Guzman, Cuba)

Australia-VLX, 4.8975, Perth. noted 1040 and signing off 1100 with "God Save the King." (Pearce, England) Correct call is VLX and correct frequency is 4.8975. (Hutchins, Radio Australia) VLM, 4.9175, is heard with music and ending test at 1457; time pips at 1500, then news from the ABC, local news, weather, early morning market reports, then music. (Pearce, England) This is correct frequency and correct call. (Hutchins, Radio Australia) Both these outlets are heard fair-to-good mornings here in West Virginia.

VLI3, 9.500, Sydney, N.S.W., noted with weak signal after XEWW, Mexico City, leaves that channel 0110. (Grove, Ill.)

Reports to Inland Stations in Australia should be addressed to the Australian Broadcasting Commission in the city from which the station operates. Radio Australia recently has been behind in answering hundreds of reports, but hopes to "catch up" soon. (Hutchins, Radio Australia)

Austria - Blue Danube Network, 9.617, Salzburg, noted 0600 with news resumé: sports headlines at 0605; noted another day 0500 with news headlines followed by recordings.

Azores-CSKA, 4.845, noted daily around 1700; announces "Emissora Regional dos Acores" frequently; easy to identify. (McWalter, Scotland)

# G.I. FREE SCHOOLING DEADLINE NEARS

VETERANS of World War II are reminded that the educational feature of the G.I. Bill expires for most veterans on July 25, 1951 and that those who plan to enter school or enroll for correspondence school training must act quickly.

The great majority of such veterans must start their training and actually be enrolled in the school of their choice by July 25th or forfeit their educa-tional benefits. Veterans discharged after July 25, 1947 have four years from their discharge date to start their train-

ing. According to information received from the Veterans Administration, a veteran must be in training on July 25th unless he has temporarily interrupted his course for summer vacation or for other reason beyond his control.

Once he completes or discontinues his course of G.I. Bill training after the deadline, he may not start another course. Also, he must meet the following two post-deadline requirements.

I. He will be expected to pursue his training "continuously until completion except for conditions which normally would cause interruption by any student."

2. He may change his education objective "only while in training and then for reasons satisfactory to the Administrator." Public Law 610, which permits a veteran to make a first change of general fields of study merely by applying for it, will not be in effect after the cut-off date.

Special consideration will be given to four categories of veteran-trainces who, for reasons beyond their control, either may not be able to resume their training by July 25, 1951, or may not be in a position to remain in continuous training afterwards.

The categories are: 1. Veterans who have started G.I. Bill studies and interrupt them to go back into active military or naval service; 2. Veterans who complete premedical and predental G.
I. Bill schooling and can't get into a medical or dental school by deadline time; 3. Teachers who spend their summers taking training leading to a degree; and 4. Those who complete G.I. Bill undergraduate courses and intend to go ahead with graduate training which would start after the deadline date.

The Veterans Administration emphasizes that most veterans may not receive training after July 25, 1956, the wind-up date of the program. The only exception to the final date are those who enlisted or re-enlisted between October 6, 1945 and October 5, 1946 under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act. Those veterans have four years from the end of their enlistment or re-enlistment period in which to be-gin G.I. Bill training, and nine years from the end of that period in which to

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Belgian Congo—Leopoldville's 11.650 outlet noted 2030, good level, with English announcement.

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Bolivia—CP38, "The Southern Cross Radio Station," La Paz, on 9.505, sends information to Pearce, England, that it is British-owned, the property of the Canadian Baptist Mission in Bolivia; that it is considering an experimental broadcast in English on Friday nights after it closes its regular Spanish broadcasts; relays CP27 on 730 kc.;

input power to the short-wave transmitter is just under 1 kw.; it is an evangelical, non-commercial station, and the QRA is Cajon 8, La Paz, Bolivia.

Brazil—PRL7, 9.72, Rio de Janeiro, is coming through well in Scotland around 1500-1600; announces "Radio Nacional." (McWalter) ZYK3, 9.565, has "Brazil Calling" at 1900-1930, at least on week-days; may be earlier on Sundays. ZYP23, 5.045, Radio Quitandinha, Petropolis, noted 2000 with music. (Dvorak, Ohio) ZYK3 asks for reports and says will verify with QSL. (Machwart, Michigan) ZYC8, 9.610, Radio Tamoio, Rio de Janeiro, signs off 2050. ZYC9, Radio Tupi, 15.370, Rio de Janeiro, is heard fair to good 1800-1830 in Portuguese. (Callarman, Oregon)

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To install the new circuit an i.f. amplifier tube in the receiver is removed and the tube thus removed is then placed in the bottom socket of the booster. The booster is then plugged into the empty i.f. socket on the receiver. A slight adjustment of the i.f. coil on the booster and of the following stage may be required to give the receiver the proper i.f. response. This is necessitated by the increased circuit capacity due to the additional lead length.

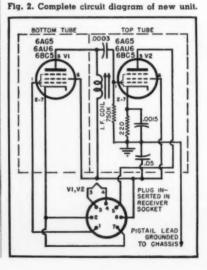
The circuit is an ordinary i.f. stage of amplification inserted in series with the plate lead of the i.f. stage of the receiver. See Fig. 2. Thus the output of the tube which has been removed goes to the input of the turret i.f. stage mounted above and the output of the turret i.f. stage is then fed back into the receiver socket.

Plate and screen voltages for the turret tube are taken from the screen connection of the bottom tube. Most receivers use a 1000 ohm resistor in the screen circuit from the "B plus" which is capable of carrying ample current to operate the turret tube. The filaments are in parallel, therefore the booster should be used only in receivers having parallel filament circuits. Nearly all sets having filament transformers will allow the additional .3 ampere filament current drawn which is all the current that is required when using the Turret Booster.

The new unit does not require tuning for each station selected because it operates on the intermediate frequency; it can be removed or installed without rewiring the receiver; it operates automatically when the receiver is turned on; and it increases the video output an estimated 15 to 20 per-cent in most receivers.

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Fig. 1. Over-all view of Turret Booster.





that *Radio Sofia* III, 7.671, broadcasts *English* programs daily 0130-0145, 1500-1529, 1615-1630.

Canada-Current schedules of the CBC's International Service are listed European Service - 0850-1130. CKNC, CKCX; 1130-1545, CKNC, CKCS; 1545-1600, CKCS; 1600-1645, CKCS, CKLO: 1645-1700, CKLO: 1700-1730, CKLO, CKRZ; 1730-1745, CKLO, and 1745-1830, CHOL, CKLO. Australasian Service—2330-0005 (except Sat., Sun.), commentaries from the United Nations, CKLX, CHOL; 0340-0450 (Sun. and Wed. only), CHOL, CKLO. Caribbean and Latin American Service - 1850-1630, CKCX, CKRA, and 2130-2235, CKCS, CKRA; English 2100-2130. Stations are CKNC, 17.82; CKCS, 15.32; CKCX, 15.19; CKLX, CKRA, 11.76; CHOL, 9.63; CKRZ 6.06.

CBNX, 5.970, St. John's, Newfoundland, has been heard 1830-1900 as the band came in and before HI4T, Dominican Republic, took over on the channel; was very weak and had some QRM on the low side. (Lane, South Dakota)

On Saturdays 1615-1630, CHNX, 6.130, has Hawaiian program. (Bellington, N.Y.) This one noted signing off 2310 and asking for reports to P.O. Box 400, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. (Fox, D.C.)

Cape Verde Islands—CR4AA, 5.895V, Praia, noted 1600-1630. (Lindahl, Calif.) Pearce, England, says this one appears to be moving about; he noted it recently on about 5.930 at 1530 signon, then news in Portuguese at 1535, followed by light music.

Ceylon—Radio Ceylon, 15.12, noted opening its Commercial Service 2045 and at 2100 with BBC news relay from London. (Ferguson, N.C.) Is heard mornings on approximately 11.975. Noted by Bromley, Ontario, on 9.52 with weak signal 2010; usually signs off 2030 on this channel.

Chile — CE1190, Valparaiso, noted with music around 1930-2000 or later. (Russell, Calif.) Verified in 11 months from Compania Chilena Comunicaciones S.A., Casilla 37-V, Valparaiso, Chile; slogan is "La Voz de Chile para toda America." (Callarman, Oregon) CE1174, 11.740, Valparaiso, noted signing off 2250. (Guzman, Cuba) CE622, 6.220, good usually around 2000-2200, then fades. (Lane, South Dakota) CE1180, 12.000, noted 2030. (Machwart, Michigan)

China — Radio Peking, 11.685 and 15.060V, still carries news 0835; also noted evenings irregularly around 1800-2100 in Chinese. Cushen, N.Z., says prisoner-of-war broadcasts are daily at 0450 on these channels, reports Radio Australia.

Colombia—HJDE, 6.145, blasts in nightly in South Dakota to approximately 2330 sign-off. (Lane) HJAP, 9.890, Cartagena, noted recently with fine signal 2000-2200. (Saylor, Va.) HJKE, 4.835, heard fair at 2345; HJEX, 6.054, Cali, noted with good level 2200; HJKD, 6.000, Emisoras Nuevo Mundo, Bogota, heard well 2300,

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off 2330: HJWO, 6.270, Emisoras Colombia, Bogota, noted 0015, poor level: a new Colombian is heard on approximately 6.220, good signal: Radio Nacional de Colombia, is a good signal in Oregon on 4.960, 6.200, but is poor on 11.680, noted evenings, (Callarman)

HJPP, 6.135, Bogota, noted with music 2250 tune-in and at 2300 man announced in Spanish, played Ted Lewis' "Good Night Song," and left the air; good signal in N.Y. (Bellington)

Costa Rica—The 11.965 Radio Athe-

nea, San Jose, is giving TIRS, TIHH as calls. (Stark, Texas) Is heard in Australia and New Zealand around 0730 and in New Zealand to sign-off 2300; relays medium-wave TIRS. (Radio Australia)

TIFC, 9.645, noted 2329 with religious broadcast: TIPG, 9.620, noted 2335-2350. (Machwart, Michigan)

Cuba-Havana has been noted lately on measured 9.8624, heard 1000, modulation very poor; music; may be COBL which hasn't been heard on listed 9.833 lately. (Oskay, N.J.) COCQ, 8.825, is heard best in Scotland around 1800. (McWalter) A Cuban was noted recently signing off 0029, with *English* announcement by man; frequency was 6.450. (Bellington, N.Y.) COBH. 11.80, noted 2355 to 0000 signoff. (Machwart, Michigan) Is good level in Eastern USA day and night. Czechoslovakia—Prague, 11.875, has

news 0715-0745: asks for reports. (Pearce, England) Is a good signal here in West Virginia.

The 9.504 channel noted ending English at 1730 (starts 1715) in parallel with 6.170; noted on 9.504 with English at 1530. (Pearce, England)

Dominican Republic—"La Voz Do-

minicana," 9.735, is now carrying English on Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1900-1915. (World Radio Handbook Bulletin) Has been heard in English 2200-2215 on Wednesdays over the 9.735 channel. (Callarman, Oregon) Heard on a Monday with English in progress when tuned 2135; this continued to 2145 on both 5.970 and 9.735: asked for reports. (Bellington, N.Y.)

HI8Z, 4.980, Santiago de los Caballeros, noted 2030-2100. (Guzman, Cuba) HIIL, 4.950, "La Voz del Tropico," signs on 0610. (Callarman, Oregon) HI1J, 6.025, noted 2035-2100 sign-off on one occasion but may have been a spe-

cial broadcast. (Machwart, Michigan) Ecuador—HC2RL, 6.630, Guayaquil, noted 2100-2200. (Guzman, Cuba)

Egypt-SUX, 7.862, Cairo, has fair signal in South Africa, rather bad QRN usually; native music noted 1430: is heard until 1600 most days. (Ridge-

El Salvador-YSUA, 6.250, San Salvador, has programs with examples of different types of American music at 2330-0000 sign-off; good level in Oregon. (Callarman) San Salvador, 7.270, heard signing off 2302. (Fox. D.C.)

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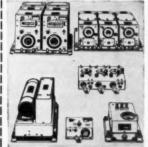
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ing there, and has been for four years; has programs three times a day in Spanish, Portuguese, and *English*; I hope to have further information on this one soon.

Guatemala—At the time this was compiled, a note had just been received from Leslie Garrison of TGNA, Guatemala City, stating that delay in getting the 11.850 outlet on the air was because of vacuum condensers; those (Continued on page 153)

# **Recording Adapter**

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enough range for ordinary purposes. When recording, the tone control should be set for maximum high frequency response, and when playing back a recording, the operator should adjust the tone control for maximum bass boost. If the tape-pulling mechanism should be of the type which pulls the tape at 15 inches-per-second, practically no frequency compensation will be needed except some bass boost on playback.

Correct operation of the unit is achieved as follows: One output tube is removed from the amplifier and the plug-socket connector is inserted in its place. The tube is then inserted in the socket of this connector. The erase section of the head is connected to  $J_2$ and the record-playback section is connected to J1. A microphone is connected to the input plug of the amplifier and the switches should be turned to "Record" position. The plug  $P_1$  is not inserted, but is left disconnected. A trial recording is then made so that the proper recording level can be determined. A few trials will show that the tape can be overloaded easily, and that good recordings can be made with a relatively low setting of the volume control. If the amplifier is equipped with a tone control it should be set to the "Treble" position.

After the tape has been rewound, the switches are turned to the "Play" position and the plug  $P_1$  is inserted into the "Microphone" input of the amplifier in place of the microphone. The tone control is set for maximum bass boost. Although the high frequency bias voltage delivered by this oscillator is not critical, the operator should know that a signal which is deficient in high frequencies may have been recorded with too high a bias voltage. Conversely, a signal with high distortion and high background noise usually indicates insufficient bias voltage. The bias voltage can be adjusted by increasing or decreasing  $R_1$  as before indicated.

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# **Defense Transceiver**

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with the r.f. chokes must be handmade. If the dimensions are followed closely the receiver and transmitter should be within the 220-225 mc. band. The author has a heterodyne frequency meter with which to spot the band. However you may use Lecher wires or if you have a television set with the standard 21 mc. i.f. then if you tune to Channel 11 the TV oscillator will radiate a weak carrier at 225 mc. If your receiver is too low in frequency and TV Channel 13 is used in your area, you should hear the sound from this station which is on 216 mc.

The antenna used with this receiver consists of a 25" length of 36" copper tubing the center of which is fastened to one end of a 11/4" square length of pole. This solid dipole is delta fed with a short length of 300 ohm TV line. The 300 ohm line is split back for 7 inches. One end of the wire is soldered 3 inches out from the center of the dipole while the other wire is soldered the same distance out on the other side of the dipole, thus forming a triangle. The 300 ohm line should be tied back tight along the wooden antenna support so that the delta match does not sway in the wind. If you expect to use a feed line longer than 25 feet do not use 300 ohm TV line as the losses will run too high. For long runs use two #18 wires spaced 1". Use lucite spread-ers ¼" x ¼" x 1½" spaced every 12" along the line or purchase a similar low loss line manufactured by Gonset Company, Burbank, California. A 100 foot length of either of these feed lines causes only .5 db. loss at 200 mc. Vertical polarization is used on this band in the East.

The power supply is not described here but it should furnish 6.3 volts at 1.5 amperes for filaments and a maximum of 300 volts at 70 milliamperes d.c. for "B" supply. With the antenna and power supply connected, advance the regeneration control until the 955 detector goes into the usual hiss associated with superregeneration. If the antenna coil is too tightly coupled the detector will not operate smoothly. The regeneration control usually need not be advanced more than to feed 20 volts to the 955. Due to the split stator condenser the maximum dial spread can only be 90 degrees. The gain control not only adjusts the audio volume on the receiver but also the modulation level during transmission. Should the receiver not exactly cover the band the tank coil may have to be spread very slightly to go higher in frequency or compressed very slightly to go lower in frequency. At these frequencies it is essential to keep all your leads as short as possible.

After the receiver is functioning properly turn the switch from "Receive" to "Send." Next to the transmitter coil insert a two-turn coil wired to a brown bead 6-8 volt pilot lamp.

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# Spot Radio News

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the Commission reported that in all communities having three or more assignments (very-high or ultra-high), one channel for educational work had been reserved. In those communities with fewer than three assignments, no reservation had been made, except in places which are primarily educational centers, where reservations were spotted even where only one or two channels were assigned.

The educational allotment did not strike Madam Commissioner Frieda Hennock as adequate, and in a lengthy dissent, she said that . . . "failing to give the schools a sufficient share of the remaining television spectrum, will adversely affect the course of education in the United States for generations to come." She felt that the reservation of approximately ten per-cent of the total assignments . . ." has failed to provide facilities for education in a large number of cities of substantial size. . . . Thus, there is no frequency reserved in more than onefourth of the one-hundred and sixtyeight standard metropolitan areas. . . . The Commission's proposal for many of our largest cities, such as New York, Los Angeles . . . confines the reservation to the ultra-high band, and makes no provisions for educational broadcasting in the very-high frequency band now in use."

In a caustic commentary on the immediate future of higher-band operation Miss Hennock declared that up to now ultra-high work has been purely experimental and . . . "we have no assurance as to when ultra-high equipment will be available and ultrahigh stations in operation." Pointing out that in each of the larger cities, there are at least three or more standard-band stations in operation, and that only through extensive conversions to the millions of sets now in operation will it be possible to receive the new high-band stations, Miss Hennock declared that the audience prospects for the higher bands are quite

"In these circumstances," cites Madam Commissioner, "the Commission quite properly indicates concern that even commercial interests in the ultrahigh bands will be required to face substantial economic problems, beyond those ordinarily faced by a very-high operation. . . . How then, can the Commission, consonant with practical realities of the situation, force educators in these localities to carry the additional burden of ultra-high operations, which they are clearly illequipped to do?"

A blistering dissent, issued by Commissioner George Sterling, declared in part that . . . "It would seem to me that it is in the public interest to make available the greatest number of veryhigh channels at the earliest date possible so as to provide increased com-



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FCC Headman Coy, in a supplementary review of the educational aspect of the proposals, said that there is a startling lack of data concerning the willingness and readiness of educational institutions to use television as a tool. In his opinion, educational institutions will have to make up their minds in the reasonably near future . . . "as to whether or not they will utilize television in their educational program, and in so doing decide to become an operator or a joint operator of a non-commercial educational television station."

As this column is being written hundreds are preparing to testify for or against the allocation proposal, in a seething series of sessions. However, notwithstanding the rough program ahead with many scheduled to hammer away at the recommendations, a workable pattern will certainly present itself, with harmony on the lookand-hear lanes the theme of the plan.

INDUSTRY'S ROLE IN COLOR TV, on trial in the Supreme Court and for nearly a year a probe pet of Washington's seven airwave sheriffs, saw itself headlined, too, at the recent annual convention of the IRE in New York City, particularly during a rousing talk by RTMA's board chairman, Robert Sprague.

Stoutly defending the chassis makers, and especially the engineering fraternity, Sprague said: "I don't think that it is necessary for me or anyone else to come to the defense of the industry's engineers. Their record for more than a quarter of a century speaks for itself. However, I would like to take this opportunity to deny categorically the charges which have been hurled at our industry. . Engineers are highly individualistic persons who often do not agree with each other or their commercial colleagues. They are influenced in their decisions by facts and figures, and not by pressure from whatever source. . . . Our industry engineers generally strive to offer to the public the fruits of their technological developments at the lowest possible cost, but they seek to avoid foisting on the public either systems or equipment which have not been thoroughly tested."

Lashing out at FCC Commissioner Robert Jones, who in his color report rebuked industry and engineers calling them "unsound analysts," whose testimony was . . . "completely worthless"—because . . . "their economic interests blinded their engineering judgment" . . . Sprague said: "It is true that engineers are sometimes bru-



Comparison in size between the World War II walkie-talkie (left) and the new AN/PRC-10 model developed by RCA. The new unit is approximately half the size of the older unit and has greater coverage.

tally frank in expressing opinions, whether they speak as individuals or representatives of industry or engineering groups, but I think that any fair-minded person would concede that they are honest and fair in their ultimate judgments."

Describing the exhaustive efforts of industry to provide honest and sincere answers to problems, Sprague recalled the days of the first national television committee, formed as the result of a meeting between former FCC Chairman James Fly and Dr. W. R. G. Baker, director of engineering of RTMA and formerly prexy of the IRE. "The monumental work of that committee is a matter of record," declared Sprague, who added that in six months the committee developed standards and reported to the FCC.

Over 600,000 words were prepared for reports and 4000 man-hours devoted to meetings and an equal time to travel, the association head pointed out. As a result of this work, the standards for black and white television were proposed and television was off to a successful start.

"Perhaps the best measure of this almost unparalleled example of cooperation among engineers," reported Sprague, "is that several foreign countries have adopted television standards based upon those of the United States, with only minor variations."

Commenting on the color issues now being debated, Sprague declared that: "Much has been made of the fact that four of the NTSC committees were overwhelmingly in favor of color television as demonstrated by the CBS system. Overlooked, or at least under emphasized, are some of the other opinions expressed by these engineers at the same time. By substantial majorities, these engineers voted against adoption of color standards at that time, and expressed the belief that black and white standards should not be influenced by color television considerations."

The RTMA official's talk also disclosed the progress being achieved in the mobilization program. According to Sprague, military electronics production will reach a peak rate of \$2.5 billion in the fall of 1952 and there-

after will decline to an annual rate of \$1.5 billion. "In this connection," he said, "it should be borne in mind that military production dollars have about half the impact on our industry as civilian production dollars. This is for a variety of reasons, but particularly because a considerable portion of special and mechanical gear is obtained from manufacturers not generally considered as part of our industry. . . . These figures indicate that our industry will not be so heavily loaded with military contracts, but that it will be able to maintain a substantial amount of civilian production, even at the peak of the military output, except in the unfortunate event of an all-out war."

THE "DO" RATINGS, a priority term set up to assure speedy delivery to the armed services, have also become a true friend of the radio and TV part users. With DO-97 assigned to equipment and supplies for maintenance, repair and operation, there should be available a flow of the vital items necessary to keep those sets going.

Describing the new plan, Manly Fleischmann, administrator of the National Production Authority, said: "We cannot let the need for materials and equipment to build new facilities interfere with the maintenance of existing capacity. We can afford a few pounds of metal today to keep a machine running rather than several tons tomorrow to make a replacement machine. And in this way, we can avoid the loss of production and equipment that would result if we allowed our present equipment to fall into disrepair .

Pointing out that it is imperative that the country's present production and service facilities be kept in good repair, Fleischmann said that it is . "vital that we maintain a strong civilian economy while we go ahead with the job of rearmament. . . . It is believed that the MRO (maintenance, repair, and operation) program will not interfere in any manner with the defense program, because the materials required constitute but a small percentage of the total supply."

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new unit is called the "Civil Defender."

Designed to be used by police agencies, fire departments, water departments, the Red Cross, highway maintenance departments, power companies, and other groups comprising the civil defense organization, the new receiver permits civil defense head-quarters to broadcast messages to all groups at once or to separate groups individually. Thus a group hears only messages it is intended to receive. Each receiver is inactive until turned on by headquarters.

In addition to receiving messages, the unit can also be used to automatically start and stop air raid sirens or other warning devices. The push of a button at headquarters broadcasts a special tone which, when received by the set, operates a switch to activate the warning device system.

Full details on the new receiver are available from the company.

# COMPACT SCOPE

The Simpson Electric Company of 5200 W. Kinzie Street, Chicago, Illinois is currently in production on a new model oscilloscope which is designed to save space on the test bench.

Designated the Model 476 "Mirroscope," the new unit uses a 5" cathoderay tube mounted in a vertical position. This type of construction reduces bench requirements to an area of 9" x 8". The cathode-ray image is reflected from a mirror mounted in the adjustable cover at the top of the cabinet. In this way the viewing surface is brought near the eye level when the instrument is used on benches of nor-



mal height. The mirror and wing sides at the top for deflecting light fold into the cabinet when not in use.

A high frequency crystal probe is available for use with this scope at an additional charge.

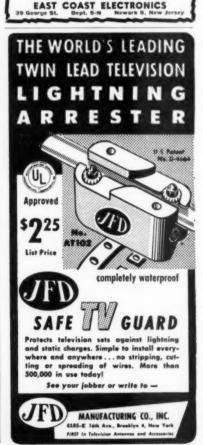
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Complete details are available from the company. Address your requests to the attention of Norman Curtis.

#### SUBMINIATURE CONDENSERS

Sprague Electric Company of North Adams, Massachusetts has developed a complete line of subminiature condensers and a new technique for mounting such units.

The new 125 degree C units are available as hermetically-sealed, tiny threaded-neck, side-stud and end-stud condensers as well as in vertical and horizontal bracket mounting units. These new mounting arrangements are designed to help overcome vibration and shock problems encountered when mounting condensers by wire leads in military gear.

The units are available in voltage ratings from 100 to 1000 volts d.c. in both inserted tab and extended foil constructions.

Engineering details on the new condensers are contained in the company's Bulletin 213A which is available to those making the request on their company letterheads.

# BASS REFLEX CABINET

Standard Wood Products Corp., 43-02 38th Street, Long Island City 4, New York has a new model bass reflex cabinet available for 15" and 12" speakers.

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TURNER MIKE
The Turner Company of 900 17th Street, N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is now in production on a new crystal microphone, the "Competitor."

Catalogued as the Model 60X, the new unit is designed for hams, economical p.a. and sound systems, and other applications where good speech reproduction is required and cost is a factor.

The mike is housed in an attractive case finished in baked-on beige wrinkle finish enamel and comes complete with a six-foot cable and stand adap-

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cm. The crystal is moisture sealed. The unit is available with an "on-off" slide switch.

Full details are available on request.

# PRECISION POT

In response to the growing demand for precision-built parts for use in critical electronic assemblies. Clarostat Mfg. Co., Inc. of Dover, New Hampshire has announced the development of a special precision potentiometer for such applications.

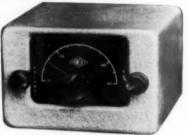
The new control, which is being produced on a custom basis, has a tapered winding held to a tolerance of  $\pm 1\frac{1}{2}$ % linearity as measured at ten test points. Mechanical tolerances are held as close as ±.00025 inch. Designed to operate over extreme ranges of temperature, humidity, altitude or barometric pressure and under severe vibration, the new component is also treated to meet fungus and corrosive conditions.

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# FM TUNER

The Gonset Company of Burbank, California has just announced a new FM communications tuner designed for ultra-high frequency reception.

The tuner is available in several frequency ranges and is especially suited



for reception of police, fire, taxicab, aircraft, civilian defense, and other such services. Among the frequency ranges available are 152-162 mc.

The entire unit is housed in a compact box which measures 51/4" x 31/2 x 514'

A descriptive bulletin on the new unit is available from the company.

## HANDY NEW TOOL

Drilsaw Co. of 1561 Virginia Avenue, Glendale 2, California has introduced a new combination drill and saw unit which is unique in design and applicable to many jobs in the radio or television service shop.

The blade is made of steel and is set immovably in a lacquered hardwood handle. The tip of the blade is a fast boring gimlet. The main portion of the blade is sharply toothed spirally so that the tool saws rapidly in any direction after drilling its own hole.

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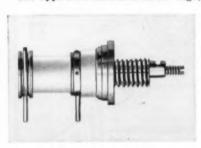
Complete details and prices are available from the company.

# SLUG-TUNED COIL FORM

Cambridge Thermionic Corporation, 463 Concord Avenue, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts is currently offering a new slug-tuned coil form that features silver plated phosphor bronze clip terminals which cannot loosen.

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The Type LS-8 measures 23/32" high, and ½" maximum



diameter. The unit mounts in a "D" punched hole or in a ¼" round hole. The coil form is made of grade L-5 silicone impregnated ceramic. The slug is provided with a spring lock. All metallic parts except the clips

are cadmium plated to insure long-life service.

The LS-8 comes complete with slug and all of the necessary mounting hardware.

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The Kaar Engineering Company, Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, California has recently announced the availability of a new single unit transmitter-receiver for mobile communication in the 152-174 mc. band. The new model has been tradenamed the "Radiopak."

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# **Naval Communications**

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The technical instruction includes all aspects of teletype communication equipment, both landline and radio. Operational training covers the general field, from the relatively simple reception of teletype broadcasts and "press-to-type" automatics such as are used on v.h.f. and u.h.f. circuits, to the more complex communicationcenter type of operation which involves automatic tape relay and other advanced techniques.

In addition to the complete units described, each Training Center has two teletype machines, which may be operated within the Center for operational and maintenance training. Many activities have constructed auxiliary equipment which permits the use of these machines on live radio circuits. Radioteletype training circuits are included in the Reserve Communication Networks of several Naval Districts.

# The "CIC"

To provide practical training in one of the most important phases of Naval operations, major Combat Information Center (CIC) installations have been made at selected Naval Reserve Training Centers and Naval Air Stations. Geographical and personnel considerations govern the selection of activities for major installations. Some of these are complete CIC's as found on fighting ships, and like those aboard ship have presentations for the display of radar information, for controlling aircraft, and for assisting in the surface problem. They make possible advanced training of officers and men, working together as a coordinated team. Exercises are conducted in tracking and plotting actual radar targets and in controlling aircraft in flight. When "live" targets are not available, simulated exercises are introduced by means of electronic problem generators. Basic CIC installations are provided at all Naval Reserve Training Centers not designated as advanced CIC training points. All of the reserve CIC's have enough equipment to enable Reservists to practice the fundamental tactical problems which they may later encounter aboard ship.

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#### Inter-Service Training

Members of Reserve components of the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard may be authorized to attend drills with units of the Naval Reserve, under certain conditions. Similarly, members of the Naval Reserve may be authorized to attend drills with units of Reserve components of the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps. In both cases, interservice training is confined to personnel on a non-pay status and is authorized only when appropriate training with a Reserve unit of the individual's own service is not reasonably available.

Where individual members of Reserve units of the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard are authorized to train with the Naval Reserve, they are integrated into Naval Reserve Training groups appropriate to their ratings or classifications and receive Navy instruction and supervision. In some cases, complete Reserve units of the other services are authorized to use Naval Reserve facilities, furnishing their own instructors and supervisors for classes and drills.

# **Emergency Communications**

Although the primary purpose of the Naval Reserve Communication System is to provide training, the potentialities of Naval Reserve radio circuits for service in disasters and emergencies have been written into District Reserve Communication Plans. Provision is made for the integration of the Reserve System into the Naval Communication Service as necessary. At the local level, emergency planning by each Naval Reserve activity includes acquainting civic authorities, the Red Cross, radio amateurs, and all interested agencies with the facilities available for emergency communication service.

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# TV Close-up

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He may do super-imposition. In this instance the pictures being recorded by two television cameras are sent out over the air simultaneously. The effect is similar to what you get when you forget to turn the film in your "Brownie" except that, on television, we try to plan it. In this way, it can be made to appear as though a tiny Shaye Cogan is in a frappé glass in front of a life-size Vaughn Monroe, or that rain is pelting down on a set that is actually bone dry.

And he can cut. This is purely a matter of switching from the picture on one camera to the picture on another.

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is exactly 12 inches long. The connection to the transmitter is made with a good grade of weather-insulated lead-in such as "twin-lead." Use the 75 ohm impedance line.

Slit the twin-lead between the two leads for a length of about 13 inches. Bare the ends of the leads and solder them securely to the ends of the antenna doublet where the splice has been made. Fan the twin-lead leader for 12 inches.

Connect the free ends of the twinlead lead-in to the Ebu binding posts at the rear of the transmitter chassis. Ordinary twisted-pair lead-in, such as is used with short-wave receiver doublets, can be used in the same manner as the twin-lead. If it is used, some losses may be experienced at the high end of 40 meters and it will soon decay with the ravages of weather. The rig will work out well on 160, 80, and 40 meters.

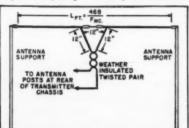
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Rotate the tuning knob and you will find a point where the meter needle dips. Simultaneously, the tuning in-dicator lamp will go dim. The points of maximum meter needle dip and minimum lamp brilliance indicates resonance, the point of tuning where good transfer of transmitter power to the antenna takes place. The meter should read between 40 and 50 milliamperes. Replace the meter with your key and you can go on the air.

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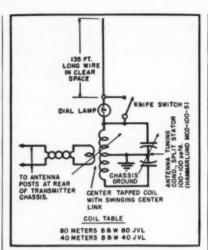


Fig. 5. Construction details on an end-fed half-wave-at-80-meter antenna. This comparatively simple antenna works quite well in cases where it is possible to run a long wire. It gives fair results at both 80 and 40 meters providing the antenna is erected in the clear. It is not particularly directional, although surrounding structures may cause it to exhibit some directional characteristics. On 40 meters the antenna produces some low-angle radiation which is advantageous in DX work.

near the roof and you have plenty of space to run a long wire. It is the endfed half-wave-at-80-meters type. It gives fair results at both 80 and 40 meters, if erected reasonably in the clear. This antenna is not particularly directional, although surrounding structures might cause it to exhibit some directional characteristics. On 40 meters, the antenna produces some low angle radiation which is an advantage in working DX. The antenna is shown in Fig. 5. As you see, it requires an additional tuning circuit. The coil is a standard commercial coil that can be obtained at all radio parts houses. The actual tuning is just a little more complex than with the doublet type of antenna.

The antenna should measure 135 feet from its far end to the antenna terminal at the transmitter.

## Tuning the End-Fed Antenna

Connect a meter and plug into the "Key" jack as described before. Open the knife switch shown in Fig. 5. The proper crystal, coils, and 6V6GT tube should be inserted into their sockets. With the power turned on and the tube heated, rotate the tuning knob on the transmitter chassis until a dip in the meter reading, resonance, is found. Again, this reading coincides with a minimum glow of the tuning indicator lamp. Rotate the antenna tuning condenser, Fig. 5, until the dial light in series with the antenna glows brightest. Now, close the knife switch. This shorts out the dial lamp. Readjust the transmitter tuning condenser for resonance. You will notice that the meter now gives a new and higher reading at resonance. This is normal now that the antenna is coming into

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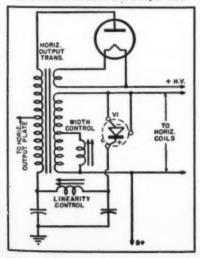
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All that is necessary is to either wire the selenium rectifier into an old tube base or simply solder two one-inch lengths of No. 12 wire to the unit and insert it in the damper tube socket as shown in the diagram of Fig. 1.

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Fig. 1. Method for substituting a selenium rectifier for horizontal damper tube.



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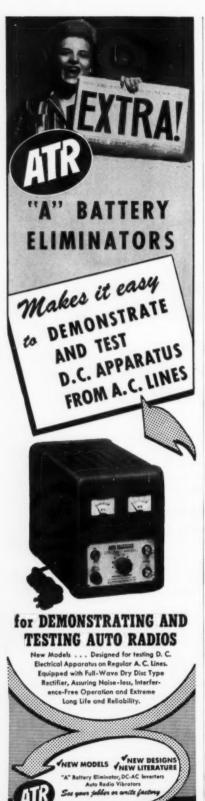
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# Resistance Welding

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carrying ability. The tube must be capable of carrying the full primary current of the welding transformer. Vacuum tubes are immediately disqualified since their current ratings are measured in milliamperes. The gas-filled triode (thyratron) is next in

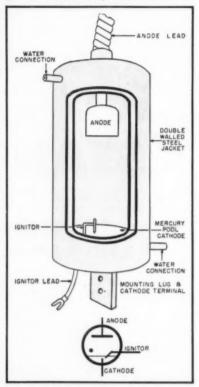


Fig. 2. The ignitron. The pool of mercury is an almost indestructible cathode and the tube can thus carry thousands of amperes.

the sequence of considerations, but its current rating rarely exceeds 10 or 15 amperes, insufficient for this application. The current carrying capacity of the thyratron is limited by the fact that, in operation, its cathode is bombarded by positive ions of gas. The current is thus limited by the threat of cathode disintegration. If a pool of liquid mercury is used as a cathode, it will not be damaged by ionic bombardment and the tube will safely carry hundreds, even thousands, of amperes. The *ignitron* is a liquid cathode tube of this type.

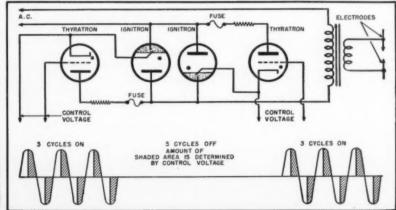
Fig. 2 illustrates the construction of the ignitron. The pool of mercury in the bottom of the tube serves as the cathode. The anode is made of graphite and is located at the other end of the tube. Graphite is used because it is a good radiator of heat and also because it does not emit electrons when operated within its ratings. This feature prevents back-conduction through the tube. The envelope of the tube consists of a double-walled, steel jacket. Water is circulated through the space between these walls for cooling.

The ignitron is a cold-cathode tube. A starting electrode, the ignitor, is therefore used to initiate current flow. The ignitor is pointed piece of silicon carbide or similar hard substance and is in contact with the mercury cathode. When a voltage is applied between the ignitor and the cathode, a spark occurs at the junction of these two elements. This spark vaporizes and ionizes a quantity of mercury, after which current flows to the anode.

## Back-to-Back Circuit

Fig. 3 shows a representative diagram of a welding circuit. The two ignitrons are connected "back-to-back" so that one will conduct on the positive alternations and the other on the negative. In this way, alternating current flows in the circuit even though two half-wave tubes are used. Rectification is neither necessary nor desirable in this application. The ignitrons are used as a heavy duty switch to turn the welding current on and off at the desired rate. Two thyratrons are used in the circuit, one in series with the ignitor of each ignitron. With this arrangement, each ignitron will fire when its associated thyratron is fired. Since firing of the thyratron can be delayed through any portion of the posi-

Fig. 3. The back-to-back circuit and the typical "on-oif" sequence.



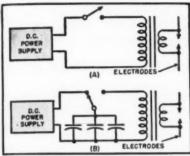


Fig. 4. (A) Magnetic energy storage welding. When switch is closed, current from d.c. supply establishes magnetic field in transformer. When switch is opened, magnetic field collapses and induces current in secondary. (B) Condenser type of energy storage welding. When switch is thrown to left, condensers charge from d.c. supply. When switch is thrown to right, they discharge through transformer and weld is made.

tive alternation, the average current carried by the ignitrons can be easily controlled. The sequence of current flow is illustrated in Fig. 3. The circuit is alternately turned on and off for three cycles of heat time and five cycles of cool time. The shaded areas indicate the times during which the ignitrons are conductive. This amount of shaded area is controlled by the voltage applied to the grids of the thyratrons. Either magnitude or phase control may be used. The shaded area, and therefore the average current and the heat developed in the work, can be easily controlled and adjusted to suit the requirements of individual jobs.

# **Energy Storage Welding**

As suggested by its name, energy storage welding involves a period of time during which energy is stored, followed by an interval in which the stored energy is released to produce the weld. The energy may be stored either in a magnetic field or in a bank of condensers. Fig. 4A illustrates the magnetic energy storage system. With the switch closed, the d.c. power supply passes a current through the primary of the welding transformer. A high inductance primary is used so that an intense magnetic field will be established. To produce the weld, the switch is opened. With the opening of the switch, the magnetic field will collapse. This collapsing field cuts across the secondary and induces the voltage and current to produce the weld.

Fig. 4B illustrates the condenser type of energy storage welding. The switch is first thrown to the left to allow the condensers to charge from the d.c. supply. When the switch is thrown to the right, the condensers discharge through the transformer, producing the weld.

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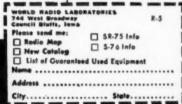
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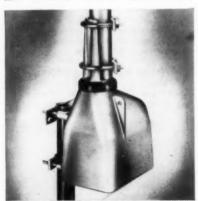
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Model 300-A flying spot, low-cost television picture generator.

The new unit uses 3 x 4 inch slide transparencies, negatives, etc. and is designed to supplement or replace monoscopes, camera chains in TV stations, laboratories, factories, schools, and colleges.

The generator is completely selfcontained with regulated power supplies. Resolution is greater than 500 lines and meets RTMA picture quality specifications. The unit will operate on standard driving pulses, off-the-air sync, or on self-contained sweep generators.

Details on the Model 300-A, which is supplied with a driven sweep 10" monitor, are available from the company.

# TWO-STAGE TV BOOSTER

The Mark Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., 32-28 49th Street, Long Island City, New York has just developed a



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The booster is housed in a baked mahogany hammertone finished cabinet with a sloped dial panel.

# A.C.-D.C. RECEIVER

The Colen-Gruhn Company, Inc. of 387 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York is handling distribution on a new model direct current television receiver which has been developed by Gotham-Visionaire especially for the d.c. consumer market.

The new set uses a 17" picture tube, has 27 tubes, and features a built-in antenna, four stages of i.f. amplification, steady high voltage power supply, and FM sound. The set can be operated in d.c. areas without the use of



inverters, vibrators, or motor generators. It is also designed to operate on a.c.

The receiver is currently available in a mahogany table model with console models scheduled for early production.

# "RADARRAY"

The Gonset Company, 72 E. Tujunga, Burbank, California has added a new antenna to its line of fringe area equipment.

The new broadband, low channel array utilizes new principles which provide high gain and front-to-back ratio on Channels 2 through 6. Employing stacked colinear dipoles ahead of a duplicate dipole curtain which is connected in quadrature with all elements driving the feed point, the array is much less frequency sensitive than high gain arrays using parasitic elements.

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# NEW 20" TUBE

Hytron Radio & Electronics Corp., Salem, Massachusetts has announced the availability of a new 20" directview picture tube, the Type 20FP4.

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Full details on the 20FP4 are available from the company's Commercial Engineering Department.

# HIGH VOLTAGE CONDENSERS

The Accessory Division of Philco Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa. has announced a new line of twenty-six condensers which have been designed specifically for high voltage, high temperature applications.

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impedance, for a given amount of power at the input, the level at the output of the amplifier will be lower by 2.22 db., as compared to the first transformer

When one circuit is bridged by another, a loss of power will take place. This is termed "bridging-loss." If the bridging circuit impedance is high compared to that of the circuit bridged, the power loss will be small. To calculate the loss of power for such a condition, equation (7) is used:

$$db. = 20 \log_{10} \frac{2 Br + R}{2 Br} . . . . (7)$$

where: Br equals the bridging resistance and R the circuit bridged.

As an example, assume we have a circuit of 600 ohms impedance and we wish to bridge it with a 7500 ohm vu. meter. How much power is lost? Substituting in equation (7),

$$db. = \frac{15,000 + 600}{15,000} = 1.04$$

 $20 \log_{10} 1.04 = 20 \times 0.0171 = 0.342 \, db.$ 

If the original level in the 600 ohm circuit was a plus 4 dbm., bridging the meter across it will reduce the level 0.342 db. The true level is now plus 3.658 dbm.

In dealing with a device such as an attenuator, which provides a net loss of power, the output power will always be smaller than the input power. In this case, it is more convenient to invert the power ratios, voltage ratios, or other such factors, in order that we may deal with numbers larger than one. If this method is used, the calculations will result in positive values, the same as for a gain calculation.

In the use of logarithms, the characteristics are: 1 = 0, 10 = 1, 100 = 2, 1000 = 3, etc. Given a power ratio of 1000/1 it would be evident that 10 log10 for this ratio would be 10 x 3 or 30 db. Or, when the voltage or current ratio is given it becomes, 20 x 3 or 60 db. Table 1 illustrates how widely divergent ratios may be calculated easily by inspection.

Fig. 1 is a diagram of an amplifier and the various formulas that may be used to determine its gain, depending on known factors and whether the input and output impedances are equal or unequal in value.

Several different methods may be used for defining and computing gain or loss. These methods differ only in the way the reference power and the one to be compared are chosen. The method used depends largely on the circuit conditions, impedance, and how the gain or loss of other units in the system have been computed.

In making an analysis of the characteristics of an amplifier the gain may be calculated for the amplifier as a whole or for a single or group of

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cuits of unequal impedances may, when the voltages are the same, be determined by the use of equation (8):

$$db. = 10 \log_{10} \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} \dots \dots (8)$$

A typical case where equation (8) would be used is given below. Assume we have two circuits, one 500 ohms and the other 250 ohms. What is the difference in level across the 500 ohm circuit in db., compared to the 250 ohm circuit, for a given voltage?

$$db. = 10 \log_{10} \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{500}{250} = 2.0$$

$$10 \times \log_{10} 2 = 10 \times 0.301 = 3.01 \, db.$$

If the output level of an amplifier is stated in decibels and it is desired to convert it to watts output, equation (9) is used.

$$P = \left(\text{antilog } \frac{db}{10}\right) \times \text{Reference level}$$

To illustrate the use of this equation suppose we have an amplifier which has a measured output level of plus 30 db. (6 milliwatt reference level). Substituting in equation (9):

Equation (9) is used only for positive values of db. For negative values. equation (10) is employed.

$$P = \frac{Reference\ Level}{\text{antilog}\ \frac{db.}{10}} \ . \ . \ . \ . \ . \ (10)$$

Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a typical recording system which is designed to illustrate the wide range of levels encountered, and how the decibel is employed to determine the operating levels at various points in the system. Above each block is given either the gain or loss of the device in decibels. Also, at various points in the circuit are shown the operating levels, which are created by the gain or loss of devices, such as the mixer, filters, master gain control, recording equalizer, and the amplifiers.

It will be noted that the output level of the microphone at the left is a minus 53 dbm., while the input level to the disc recorder cutting head at the right, is a plus 30 dbm. These levels indicate that a net gain of 83 db. will be required between extremes.

Starting at the left of the diagram, a microphone has been selected which has an average output level of minus 53 dbm. at 1000 c.p.s. This is followed by a preamplifier of 40 db. gain. The preamplifier raises the output level of the microphone to a minus 13 dbm., which is fed into the mixer input.

The mixer introduces two losses into the circuit. The first, which is fixed and created by the resistive network of the mixer, is called the "insertion loss." A second is created by the attenuation of the mixer pot which, for this example, is 15 db. These two losses

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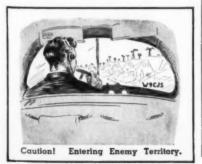
The purpose of the bridging amplifier is to make up for the loss created by the recording equalizer, therefore, the level at the output of the equalizer is the same as the bridging bus, a plus 4 dbm.

The gain of the recording amplifier must be sufficient to raise a level of plus 4 dbm. to a plus 30 dbm. Consequently, the gain of the amplifier must be 26 db. Using the same reasoning, the monitor amplifier must have a gain of 19 db, for an output of 23 dbm.

To determine the net gain of such a system between the output of the microphone and the input of the cutting head, all the gains are added, which amounts to a total of 157 db. Adding the losses gives a total of 74 db. Subtracting the total loss from the total gain gives a net gain of 83 db. This is the amplification required to secure a plus 30 dbm. at the cutting head, for a signal of minus 53 dbm. at the output of the microphone. In other words, if we substitute a minus 53 dbm. signal of 1000 c.p.s. for the microphone, we would obtain a signal of plus 30 dbm. at the cutting head for the conditions set forth.

A tabulation of the various gains and losses and how they are added is shown in Table 2. The methods used for determining the operating levels for recording systems will be discussed in a forthcoming issue.

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Moreover, because, as his little classified ads boast: "I do my own work," he doesn't have the protection he used to have when he worked for wages. He is not covered by unemployment insurance, which he is going to need some day, thanks to his unbusiness-like methods. Neither is he covered by workmen's compensation. In soliciting work he frequently explains to prospective customers that, because he doesn't need to pay out such expenses on himself, he can work more cheaply. Can he?



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The small shop owner, in establishing prices and making service charges, should set his sights higher. Even if he does not fully attain his objectives immediately, he will certainly better himself to some extent. He should not only figure to recover his own labor at the going rate, but he should attempt to make enough to cover his own personal protection against the hazards of life in the same way a wage earner is now covered. In addition he should find out what his real overhead is.

Finally, he should add a reasonable percentage for net profits. That is, a real job profit should be his after everything else is paid for. This is an amount to which he is entitled.

Unless and until the small shop owner adopts such a course of action and sticks with it, he stands an excellent chance of closing each year's business with less net earnings than he would have working for wages, even though he may not immediately be aware of this fact, thanks to inadequate bookkeeping.

It is this writer's firm conviction that practically no shop owners price below cost for service from a desire to under-cut, as such. Almost invariably where cut-throat prices exist they come about from a lack of understanding of all the cost factors borne by the shop owner.

When the under-pricing shop owner adopts correct pricing procedures that reflect all of his overhead charges and permit a profit, he will no longer have the stigma of being an unfair competitor. And he won't have a class of trade made up of the chiseling fringe of his community. He will be gradually building up a type of trade where a profit is possible on every job. That's the only kind of business that holds any future for him. That's the invariable course followed by small shop owners who, today, have grown to large ventures enjoying the respect of their home towns.

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The last section of the book is devoted to applied electronics and radio servicing. Included in this volume is data on various types of communications and industrial electronic equipment along with salient points on its construction and operation.

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"OPPORTUNITIES IN TELEVI-SION" by Jo Ransom and Richard Pack. Published by Vocational Guidance Manuals, New York. 127 pages. Price \$1.00.

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"RADIO & TELEVISION ALMA-NAC" by Orrin E. Dunlap, Jr. Published by *Harper & Brothers*, New York. 198 pages. Price \$4.00.

This text has been designed as a reference work for broadcasters, newspaper personnel, radio station staffs, and advertising agency personnel. It carries a chronological listing of landmarks in the radio and television field from 1844 to the present time.

In addition to recording such historical events as the first wireless contact, the first commercial broadcast, the first telecast, etc., the author has included data on important patents and inventions pertaining to electronics. A particularly valuable appendix lists members of the former Federal Radio Commission and its successor, the FCC; presidents of the IRE; presidents of the National Association of Broadcasters; presidents of the RMA; and presidents of the Television Broadcasters Association.

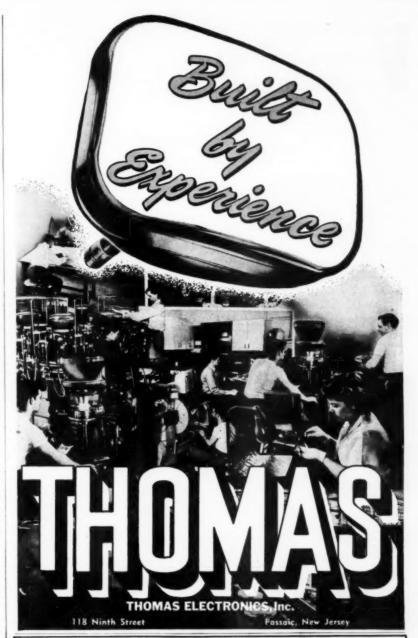
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"WIRELESS SERVICING MAN-UAL" by W. T. Cocking. Published by *Iliffe & Sons, Ltd.*, London. 292 pages. Price 12s/6d, postage 5d.

This is the eighth edition of a text which is well known to both technicians and hams since it provides not only servicing data on radio receivers but also the answers to problems which often arise in the construction of amateur gear and in experimental work.

The text carries chapters on test equipment; current and voltage tests; the interpolation of meter readings; tubes; power line hum; motorboating; the causes and cure for instability in r.f. and i.f. stages; frequency and amplitude distortions; background noise and local interference; and tracking straight and superhet receivers. Troubleshooting for whistles and heterodyning; a.g.c. systems; short-wave receivers; short-wave converters; speak-



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The appendix includes information on common circuit constants; standard symbols; formulas frequently required in radio work; antennas and feeders: copper wire tables; and circuits of some commonly-needed items of test equipment. -30-

# Within the Industry

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tory in Long Island City to supplement its two existing plants in the area . . . GLOBE-UNION, INC. has added 65,000 additional square feet of manufacturing space for its CENTRA-LAB division at 424 North Fourth Street in Milwaukee . . . NATIONAL ELECTRONIC MANUFACTURING COR-PORATION has moved to new and larger quarters at 4202 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City, New York .. The CROSLEY DIVISION is expanding its plant in Richmond, Indiana, to provide an additional 211,200 square feet of manufacturing space. Construction of the new building is expected to be completed by October. 1st of this year . . . Foundations have been completed for the new, 100,000 square foot radio and television center being erected by station WCAU on a 10-acre site outside of Philadelphia's business district. Completion is scheduled for the spring of 1952 . . . SYL-VANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. has purchased a new factory site at Wo-The factory, burn, Massachusetts. when completed, will be used for the production of electronic tubes and equipment for national defense . . . The Northwestern district headquarters and the Chicago sales office of the WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORA-TION have been moved to a new and permanent location on the second floor of The Merchandise Mart in Chicago. The new facility provides 45,000 square feet of space . . . MOHAWK BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION has recently moved its home office to 47 West Street, New York . . . POT-TER AND BRUMFIELD is building a new and modern plant in Princeton, Indiana which will more than double the company's production capacity . . . The headquarters plant and engineering laboratories of the WESTING-HOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S new Electric Tube Division will be located on a 100 acre tract four miles northwest of Elmira, New York. Completion of the construction work is scheduled for early next fall . . TECH-NOLOGY INSTRUMENT CORPORATION has moved into its new plant in Acton, Massachusetts. The company was formerly located in Waltham . . . SYL-VANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. is building a new plant in Burlington. Iowa, for the manufacture of radio receiving tubes. -30-

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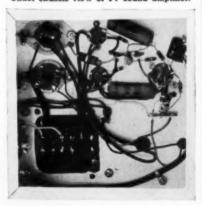
Feedback amplifiers of this sort are susceptible to instability under overload conditions at low frequencies. This trouble is completely eliminated in the circuit described, but it always pops up when a new design is being worked out. What happens is that on low frequency overload peaks the output transformer core becomes momentarily saturated, its inductance drops way down and all its characteristics go to pot. On these peaks, then, the constants in the feedback loop momentarily go through a big change when the transformer is included in the loop, and oscillation is prone to result. In this type of circuit, then, it is necessary to use a good trans-former to start with and to provide a large margin of stability against oscillation. Commonly this is done by connecting a condenser of .005 µfd. or more across the output tube plates in order to drop the gain way down at the higher frequencies. This results in inadequate feedback at high frequencies and more distortion. In the present circuit, the condenser is left out, and the requisite stability obtained by careful over-all design.

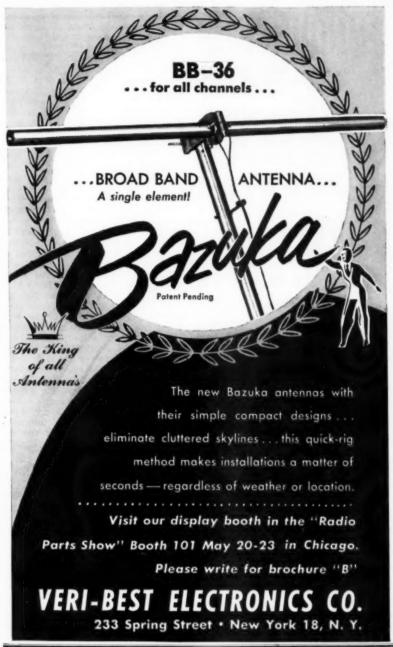
## Phase Inverters

Another source of instability at or near overload is the phase inverter. In the usual circuits, the phase inverter tube gets its grid signal from an amplifier tube which is itself driving one side of the output stage. When the output stage begins to draw grid current, not only does the excitation drop off, but the phase inverter loses its grid excitation too. This causes the input to the output stage to become lopsided, leading to premature saturation of the output transformer and general instability.

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Table 1. Characteristics of 6V6 or 6AQ5.

the general behavior at and near the overload region is a lot smoother. Both the straight conventional inverter and the "floating paraphase" modification of it were thoroughly tested in this amplifier, and discarded in favor of the one shown. The split-load inverter does have the disadvantage of lower maximum voltage output, but in this application the voltage swing capability of both the voltage amplifier and the inverter stages are adequate, as indicated by the curve of Fig. 2.

This amplifier is completely stable both under load and on open circuit, at all signal levels including extreme overload, at all frequencies.

It is advisable not to add any unnecessary stray capacitance to ground across the plate circuit of the first stage V1.

# **B.C.** Coupling

The d.c. operating point of the phase inverter needs some attention. For lowest distortion the voltage drop across R. and R. should total about 70 volts each. This places the cathode of this triode about 70 volts above ground. To avoid straining the cathode-heater insulation it is inadvisable to operate the cathode above about plus 90. This is the reason for the unusually high plate load resistor on the first stage-to make the d.c. plate potential low enough. Condenser coupling was tried between these stages and found to give no advantage.

When the power is first turned on, the plate supply voltage appears before the tubes' cathodes are warmed up. This allows the phase inverter tube grid, and hence its cathode, to rise almost to the "B" supply potential for a few seconds. To prevent damage to the heater-cathode insulation by this transient potential, a 2.2 megohm resistor, Ro, is connected from the grid of the phase inverter to ground. During warmup, this resistor acts as half of a divider in conjunction with the plate load  $R_1$  and limits the cathode potential to about 150 volts.

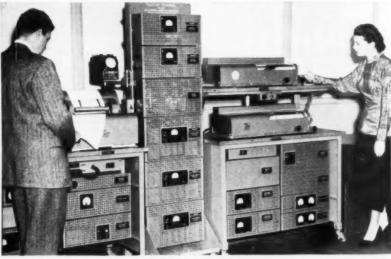
If a slow-heating rectifier tube is used, such as the 5V4G or 6AX5, resistor R<sub>5</sub> can be omitted. Its shunting effect on the audio output of  $V_1$  is small, however, since the plate impedance of the 12AX7 as used here is around 200,000 ohms.

# **Power Supply**

Except for the rather small amount of filtering used, the power supply is entirely conventional. While the writer is not one to skimp on using chokes, it was found that in this case the filter shown was completely adequate.

The power transformer shown in the photograph is a surplus unit that happened to be on hand. Any transformer supplying 300 volts each side of center-tap at 50 milliamperes or more is satisfactory. -30-

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# International Short-Wave

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sent with the transmitter were not of correct value for the 25-m. tank and new ones were on order via airmail from California. (Boice, Conn.) Watch for TGNA on 11.85 ground 2200-2230 Other channels are 6.039, 9.668 (still announced 6.040, 9.660, says Kroll, N. Y.). The station often interviews missionaries in Guatemala and other Central American countries-usually after (normal) 2230 closedown. The Mailbag Program at 2230-2245 on Wednesdays sometimes runs as late as 2300, according to Sklenar, Cuba (formerly of Nebraska), and others.

TGTQ, Radio Internacional, noted on 6.285 at 0115-0200. (Machwart, Michigan). A Guatemalan station was heard recently on about 6.33 with marimba music at 1843; fair level; may be TGTA, listed 6.335? (Bellington, N. Y.)

Haiti-4VEH, Cap Haitien, noted leaving the air 1830 on 9.745 and announcing return at 2200 on 9.730. (Hoffman, N. Y.) Radio Sweden says this one has moved from 9.885 to approximately 9.745; opens 0700; uses 9.745 "mornings" and 9.730 "evenings;" a verification card is being printed; that 4VRW, Port-au-Prince, is back on 9.840, opens 0650. Oskay, N. J., recently measured 4VEH as 9.746V at 0745; and as 9.728 at 1840.

Hong Kong-ZBW3, 9.5242, meas-

ured recently at 0710, when had Chinese musical program; some QRM to 0730, very good signal after that time. (Oskay, N. J.) Should take a BBC news relay around 0600.

India-AIR noted signing on in English at 1000 on 15.290, announced as operating in the 19- and 31-m. bands; heard signing on in English at 1400 on 7.155 and 9.270, news to 1410, then music to 1500. Noted with English for Southeast Asia on 17.84 at 0830, announced 15.350 as parallel: 1030 news heard on 6.010. Madras, 4.920, noted 1045 with AIR news relay. (Pearce, England). This one is fair level in West Virginia with news 0730.

Indo-China-Radio France-Asie, Saigon, noted on 11.780 signing off 1000 with English identification and "La Marseillaise." (Russell, Calif.) This one has news 0900. Is heard by Hutchins, Radio Australia, on 9.524, after

Latest available schedules from Radio France-Asie include English at 1700-1800 and 1945-2000 on 9.524; at 0500-0515 on 11.830; 0900-0915 on 11.780; English period for Australia-New Zealand 0420-0500 on 11.830 and for Southeast Asia 1930-1945 on 9.524; lists entertainment in French daily 0800-1015 on 9.524 and "bilingual" entertainment daily same time on 11.780; lists French at 1715-1730 on 9.524, 1815-1845 on 9.524, 6.116, 1915-1930 on 9.524, 6.116, 2115-2130 on 11.780, 2345-0000 and 0700-0735 on 9.524, 1015-1030 on 11.780, 9.524; lists Mandarin (Chi-



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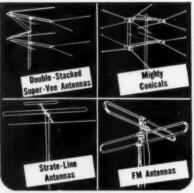
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nese) 1345-1900, 2245-2300, 0400-0415 on 9.524, and Cantonese (Chinese) at 2245-2300, 0415-0430, and 0745-0800 on 6.116. (Wadhams, Calif.)

Indonesia - YDC, 15.15, Djakarta, noted 1000-1030; news 1015. (Sutton. Ohio) Heard on this channel closing English period at 1028 and announcing channels in use as 15.150 and 4.910; mentioned three daily English broadcasts-0600, 0900, 0930, and said at 1030 would continue in Hindustani. Noted on 15.15 signing on 0930 with home and world news; "Open Letter" at 0945. (Pearce, England) YDF, 6.045, noted 1830 announcing as Radio Nacional. (Grischott, Calif.)

Iraq-The Iraq Broadcasting Station, Baghdad, sent a QSL card recently verifying reception of January 3, 1949, on 7.092; said new transmitter is Marconi type S.W.E. 10 s.w., 16 kw. to antenna in operation March 1951; class B modulation; antenna omni-directional: schedule is 2330-0100, 0430-0600, 0830-1500; Arabic and occasional European music and talks; interval is bird call; time signal is clock striking; said, "Many regrets for delay; please report on new transmitter later." (Pearce, England) Has a new verification card. (Radio Sweden) ISWC, London, lists YI5KG, 7.092, at 1000-1700. At times may use 7.062.

Israel-4X4EA, 6.725, Israeli Forces Station, noted signing on with bugle call and identification by woman at 1130: played varied records, interspersed with talks; noted another day signing off 1500 with bugle sounding "Lights Out:" no English heard.

According to announcement, Tel Aviv, 9.0108, is now the only shortwave outlet carrying the "Voice of Zion" (English) relay from Jerusalem at 1700-1745 daily; that period is no longer relayed by Jerusalem 6.830. The news is 1515 over both Tel Aviv, 9.0108, and Jerusalem, 6.830, and English is also announced for 0700 on 6.830. A more recent measurement of Tel Aviv's HXB21 (announced 9.000) was 9.0125V, according to Oskay, N. J.

Italy-Rome noted with English 1415-1500 on 9.575, 11.905. (Pearce, England) Has been heard on 9.671 signing off 2200 with good level, and announcing program as at 1900-2200. (Ferguson, N. C.) I have heard this one parallel with 9.575 at the time mentioned by Ferguson.-KRB. Has news 2145-2200.

Noted on 6.010 with news 1900-1915, bad QRM. (Lane, South Dakota) Heard opening in foreign language 1030 on 15.120, 15.313. (Grove, Ill.)

Jamaica-McWalter, Scotland, received this interesting data from Radio Jamaica-"Our short-wave transmitter is operated on a vertical radiation pattern and is intended only to give good reception throughout the island of Jamaica. However, when weather conditions are favorable for skips, we are occasionally heard in other parts of the world. You may be interested to know that we use a standard broadcast transmitter on 880 kc. to cover the metropolitan area of Kingston, but

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The 3.360 outlet recently seems to have extended program to 2310 so it can take the BBC news relay at 2300. (Bellington, N. Y., others) Closes with

"God Save the King."

Japan—AFRS, 11.80, Tokyo, noted with popular American recordings 0245-0300 sign-off. (Bellington, N. Y.) The AFRS outlet on 4.860 heard with news 0400; JKL, 4.940, heard with NHK program 0800-0830; only English is call-letters "N.H.K." (Callarman, Oregon) NHK program noted on 9.695 at 1740, light musical selections, announcements by man in Japanese, call at 1759, followed by time pips; heard on 9.655 at 1725 with talk in Japanese by man, and time pips noted at 1800. (Pearce, England)

BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Forces), 6.105, Kure, is scheduled 1630-0830 (Saturday to 0900).

(Radio Australia)

Kenya — VGQI, 4.855, Nairobi, is being heard in the United Kingdom at 1300 with news, then recordings; closes 1400 and announces will return at 0600. (ISWC, London)

Lebanon—Beirut, 8.036, noted 1530 with news in Arabic; signed off 1600 with march recording. (Pearce, England) Heard recently 0005-0015 with native news, then music to 0030; good level in Ohio. (Sutton)

Madagascar—FIQA, 9.515, Tananarive, noted with music 1050, announcements in French. (Russell, Calif.) Heard here in West Virginia signing on with interval signal and "La Marseillaise" at 2230, using French; noted then by Ferguson, N. C., and with news in French 2311-2325.

The 7.38 channel normally carries Malgache or Comorian programs but may have French on occasion. (Ridge-

way, South Africa)

Malaya—Radio Malaya, 7.25 and 7.200, has not been heard lately; the 6.135 outlet carries native programs mornings. BFEBS, Singapore, is back on its proper channel of 11.880. (Balbi, Calif.) Is heard fairly well early mornings, around 0700-0830, here in West Virginia. BFEBS, 15.300, noted by Lane, South Dakota, fair at 1100 and signing off at 1130.

Malta—Pearce, England, and Bellington, N. Y., report that when FBS, Middle East, closes at 1600 on 7.220 it announces frequencies of 15.125, 7.220, 6.015, 3.305; Pearce says when it closes 0200 on 7.220 it announces return at 0530 on 15.125, 7.220, 3.305.

Martinique—Fort-de-France, 9.700, can be heard after 1730 when a USA station leaves that channel. (Stark, Texas, others) Noted with news in French 1834, and signing off 1839 (did not play "La Marseillaise"). (Arthur.

W. Va.) Is heard in Britain. (Pearce) Mauritius—V3USE, 15.050A, noted in French 1159 and signing off 1230 with "God Save the King;" no English noted. (Pearce, England) Is heard in South Africa at 1000. (Ridgeway)

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Mexico-XEBT, 9.625, noted signing off 0000: XETT, 9.557, heard leaving the air 0045. (Guzman, Cuba) XEQQ, 9.680, Mexico City, heard signing off 0115. (Grove, Ill.) The Mexican on 11.900 closes 0100; now seems to use short-wave call of XEXE; relays XEX. (Machwart, Michigan) Noted in New York at 1230 with good level, but some fade. (Bellington) May be as high as 11.903 in frequency; noted 1830. (Stark, Texas)

Monaco-Radio Monte Carlo, 9.785, 6.035, listed to close 1700, noted some days as late as 1750 but gone by 1800. (Guentzler, Ohio, Bellington, N. Y.)

Mozambique - The 60-m. channel which signs on with English program at 2300 in parallel with 11.764 seems to be as low as 4.915 now; CR7BU is listed 4.932.

Nepal-Schedule is 2300-2330 and 0330-0430 on 7.100 and 60 mc.; 0915-1015 on 7.000 and 60 mc.; announces in English at sign-on of each transmission. (Radio Australia)

New Zealand-Wellington recently effected these new schedules-To Australia 1300-1545 and 0200 to closedown, ZL8, 9.620: 1600-0145, ZL10, 15.220. To Pacific Islands, 1300-1545 and 0200 to closedown, ZL3, 11.78; 1600-0145, ZL4, 15.28; normal closedown is "from" 0620; however, during power restrictions the service has been closing weekdays 0530, Saturdays 0620, and Sundays 0500. (Radio Australia)

Nicaragua-YNHB, 6.555, noted with station announcement in Spanish by man 2345; popular recordings with English lyrics followed at 2346. (Bellington, N. Y.)

Pakistan-Radio Pakistan noted on approximately 5.990 with news 1015-1030; at 1030 says the program "came to you in the Home Service of Radio Pakistan:" news in Urdu follows: best signal in Britain from Pakistan, however, is at 0210-0220 over 17.770 (news).

A letter from Radio Pakistan verified the 7.140 outlet as Dacca, APD2, 7.5 kw. Stated the 0700 news is beamed to Burma. (Dary, Kans.)

Panama-HOLA, 9.505, Colon, noted 2245-2300 sign-off. (Machwart, Michigan) HP5B, Panama City, lately has been on measured 6.0325V; noted 0630 with music; previous measurement was 6.0304. (Oskay, N. J.)

Peru-From the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Lt.-Col. Bill Frederick has sent along this list of Peruvian schedules (with name of station in parenthesis) —OAX2A, 6.000, 0.25 kw. (Trujillo), Trujillo 0700-2400; OAX4V, 6.010, 0.50 kw. (America), Lima, 0700-2400; OAX4Q, 6.020, 1 kw. (Victoria), Lima, 0700-0300; OAX6B, 6.035, 0.20 kw. (Landa), Arequipa, 0700-2400; OAX6A, 6.042, 0.20 kw. (Arequipa), Arequipa, 0700-2400; OAX6E, 6.055, 0.30 kw. (Continental), Arequipa, 0700-2400; OAX4S, 6.070, 0.30 kw. (San Cristobal), Lima, 0700-2400; OAX4Z, 6.082, 15 kw. (Nacional), Lima, 0700-2400; OAX4H, 6.095, 1 kw. (Mundial), Lima, 0700-2400; OAX7A, 6.128, 0.10 kw. (Cuzco),

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Philippines-Far East Broadcasting Co., Manila, is again testing on 9.730: noted around 0430-0530 or later; measured by Hutchins, Radio Australia, as 9.734. Grischott, Calif., reports DZH7, 9.730, and DZH8, 15.300, ending English program at 0530; continued in Burmese with Protestant hymns; announced in English at 0600.

DZH4, 6.000, Manila Broadcasting Co., signs off 1100; network cue is "From A to Z, it's MBC, the Manila Broadcasting Co.;" mentions DZMB, 760 kc., 1 kw.; DZH4, 6.000, 1 kw., and DZH2, 9.640, 1 kw. (Callarman, Oregon)

Poland-Radio Warsaw sent schedules by air to Pearce, England, listing English for 1200-1230 on 9.570; 1245-1315 on 11.740 for Europe; at 1930-2000, 2300-2330, and 0015-0100 on 9.570 for North America. However, Pearce heard a later announcement over the air from Radio Warsaw stating that an additional transmission in English is at 1630-1700 on 7.205. This 7.205 English period has been heard by Bellington, N. Y.; continued in foreign language, probably Polish, at 1700.

Portugal-Emisora Nacional, Lisbon, is noted on 15.380 at 0700 when Moscow closes on 15.390; signal strength improves by 0745 when Moscow returns to the air and then almost obliterates Lisbon to 0850; Lisbon closes 0900 but carrier remains to 0915 when a further program is presented to closedown which varies 1100-1130. (Suffolk, Australia, via Radio Australia) This one is good level mornings here in West Virginia; all-Portuguese. Recently measured 15.3825 at 0825, according to Oskay, N. J.

Noted on 9.747 and 11.958 at 1500-1530 and 1600-1800. (Harris, Mass.)

Portuguese Guinea-Bissau, CQM4, is still heard through bad CWQRM on approximately 5.839 at 1630-1800; news in Portuguese 1715. (Pearce, England)

Portuguese India-Radio Goa, 9.61. has good signal in South Africa at 0900-0930 (English); at 0930 has Portuguese announcements; commercials are used; station has confirmed schedule as 2030-1230, but can be heard in South Africa only after 0900 when SABC's Springbok Radio (commercial service) on 9.60 leaves the air to continue on 7.295. (Ridgeway)



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Saudi-Arabia—Djeddah noted on 11.85 and 11.95 recently at 1240 in Arabic; good on both channels; also noted on 11.85 at 0245 but with bad QRM from Oslo. (Bellington, N. Y.)

South Africa—What appears to be Johannesburg, 4.895, opens with Afrikaans program at 2345; fair signal here in West Virginia; also heard in New York by Bellington, N. Y., Saylor, Va., others. SABC, Johannesburg, was noted recently on 11.937 with news 1500-1504, signed off 1505; asked for reports; bad CWQRM. (Oskay, N. J.) Some days carries Afrikaans instead of English.

Springbok Radio (commercial service) is scheduled 2300-0015 on 4.945; 0015-0245, 7.295; 0245-0900, 9.60; 0900-1100 and 1100-1600 (Sats. to 1700) on 7.295. (Ridgeway, South Africa)

Spain—A recent World Radio Handbook Bulletin said that Radio Nacional en Malaga, 7.022, shortly would begin broadcasting an English program at 2100; may have been effected by this time. At the time this was compiled, Radio Nacional de Espana, Madrid, had just moved from 9.369 to 9.585 where signal was much improved; English is still at 1515, 1810.

Sweden—"Sweden Calling DX-ers" goes on the air on Saturdays at 0215 on 6.065, 10.780; repeated 1015 and 2015 on 10.780, 6.065. (Radio Sweden) Radio Sweden recently changed frequencies to 6.065 and 10.780 for the 1900-2030 North American transmission and for the "morning" transmission at 0015-0235. (Radio Sweden)

Tahiti—Radio Tahiti, 6.135, still noted 2300-2345 sign-off; French news 2330. (Balbi, Calif.) Is heard with weak level here in West Virginia.

Taiwan—Taipeh, 7.133, puts in a fine signal 0400-0700; still has news 0630. (Grischott, Calif.)

Tangiers—Radio Internationale, 6.115, noted 1555 with program for French listeners; Spanish began at 1615; no English noted; has man and woman announcers and carries advertisements in French and Spanish. (Pearce, England)

Trinidad—VP4RD, 9.625, Port of Spain, now is scheduled 0500-2200, according to verification received. (Radio Sweden)

USSR—Radio Tashkent, 6.825, noted in English 1115-1130, news commentary; however, announces English periods for 1000 and 1045. (Pearce, England) What appears to be the Soviet Home Service on 7.180 leaves the air 2345, at least some nights. (Bellington, N. Y.) Radio Sweden says a Soviet station is now operating on about 10.040; may be Alma Ata.

Radio Moscow noted with news 0115-0130 on 6.110, underneath BBC. (Lane, South Dakota) Heard on 7.165 with news 2230. (Harris, Mass.) Grischott, Calif., reports Ashkarabad, 6.180, with English 0930; verifies in 30 days.

Vatican—HVJ noted back on 11.74 from 11.66 with English 1315-1330; at 1330 announced next broadcast would be in 15 minutes in French on 31.10, 41.21, 50.26, and 19.6 meters, and next

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Venezuela — YVKF, 4.880A, heard well 2330; slogan is "Ondas Populares;" YVKM, 5.040, Radio Continente, heard well 2200. (Callarman, Oregon) YVKF has a show in English on Monday and Friday at 1800-1830 ("The 960 Club"); asks for requests for tunes; more recently announced this session would be aired also on Wednesdays. (Fox, D. C.) YVKD, 5.0528V, measured 0620 when had music; station announcement in Spanish at 0615; previous measurement was 5.062. (Oskay, N. J.)

# Last Minute Tips

At the time this was compiled, Radio Sweden reported that the new 100 kw. transmitter at Moydrum, Athlone, Ireland (Eire), was ready for use but there had been no word from official sources regarding the opening. I was hearing the low-powered 17.84 outlet some days with news 1330-1345A, with QRM from Brazzaville.

Stark, Texas, and Bellington, N. Y., have been hearing a station in *English* on approximately 4.960-4.965 evenings around 1800-1930 that seems to be

Belize, British Honduras.

A station noted occasionally around 2300-2330 on approximately 6.087 may be Tabriz, Iran; one opening 0030 and usually closing 0045 (0050 other days) on 6.275 mentions Yugoslavia. (Bellington, N. Y.)

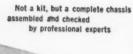
# Press Time Flashes

Radio Kol-Israel plans to inaugurate its new high-powered (50 kw.) m.w. and s.w. station on Israel's Independence Day, May 14. The s.w. station has been allocated 21.465, 17.880, 15.415, 11.935, and a frequency in the 31-m. band (9.500, 9.615, 9.640 have been tested). The m.w. station has been assigned 1025 kc. In addition to carrying the regular short-wave service, the new 50-kw.-er also will relay the "Voice of Zion" (English) session now heard 1700-1745 daily over (announced) 9.000 (measured 9.012V), Tel Aviv. (Bert Bluman, Israel, via Radio Australia) Listen for more details which likely will be given during the weekend prior to May 14-over stations which have regular DX programs-Radio Australia, Radio Sweden, Leopoldville, Copenhagen, possibly others.

At press time, on request, we received a special report on Far East DX from August Balbi, Los Angeles, Calif.; space will not permit use of all the fine items, but here are highlights:

China—A station on 5.915 may be Mukkden (?), heard with bad CWQRM after 0500, weak to fair. Communist Chinese stations are numerous and schedules are irregular. Those on 7.10, 6.10, 5.985 (Shanghai), appear to sign on at 0400; the 9.73 (Nanking), 7.000, 6.155, 6.65 outlets sign on 0430; some are parallel when news in Chinese is given, usually





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at 0830; at other times have different programs. One on approximately 6.35 signs on 0600 and carries all-Chinese: sign-off of most is 1000 except 7.10, 6.10, 10.26, 11.685, used for traffic besides regular transmissions. Hong Kong-ZBW3, 9.525, signs on 0500 in Chinese; relays Radio Newsreel from BBC, London, 1000, and signs off 1015. Indo-China-Radio France-Asie, Saigon, in 31-m, band varies in frequency; at press time was being heard on approximately 9.545 (announced 9.524) signing off 0415, back at 0515 and with final sign-off around 1028; French. Vietnam, 6.165, 9.62, has news 0915, signs off 0930. Japan-Noted irregularly on 6.19 after 0300; heard calling JKH over and over again at 0345, evidently used for traffic; bad QRM after 0400. Malaya—Radio Malaya, Singapore, is heard now only on 6.135 and 4.785, in native. FEBS, Singapore, noted 0415-1100 on 15.30, 11.88, 11.69, 6.175, news 1045; sign-off is 1130. Pakistan — Radio Pakistan noted on approximately 11.73 from 0940; news 1015; signs off 1035. Taiwan-BED4, 11.735, Taipeh, signs on daily 0430; news 0630; weak to fair signal; 7.133 parallels, both heard as late as 1100; one on 3.22 is heard weakly at 0500, irregularly, and does not carry 0630 news; 15.235 and 11.735 are noted 2300-0100 (first hour English), news 2303; the 11.735 seems to have Chinese now after 0100 as has been noted signing off 0200 in Chinese. USI-YDE, 11.77, Djakarta, noted signing on 0430; has English 1000-1100, news 1030; YDQ2, 9.55, Makassar, signs on 0400; YDB3, 7.27, heard weak to fair after 0430, still on 1045; YDF, 6.045, signs on 0430, fine signal; off 1030; no English noted on 6.045. USSR-Petropavlosk, 6.07, now heard only 0300-0400 in Russian, 0530-0615 in Chinese, with 4.275, 8.82 parallel in Chinese period; Moscow noted on 6.055, with 6.115 and 9.545 parallel, signing on 0230 and off 1000, with Chinese and Japanese programs; 11.83 heard signing off in Chinese 1000; Home Service, 9.37, 9.565, 5.94, 5.72, 5.02V, 4.96, noted after 0230; irregularly, 9.565, is heard in Chinese also

Fox, N. Z., asks help in identifying a station on 3.960 from around 1430; has piano note interval followed by "bird whistle" at 25 minutes after the hour and 5 minutes before the hour; language appears Italian. However, Cushen, also N. Z., appears to hear the same station but lists frequency as 3.910 and says he believes it is Radio San Marino; programs are similar to those of Radio Andorra and Radio Monte Carlo: noted from before 1300 to fade-out around 1500; at 1400-1430 has frequent commercial announcements interspersed with brief musical items: 1300-1400 uses French, and from 1400 is in Italian. (Radio Australia)

around 0300.

Radio Pakistan, Lahore, has been logged on 4.810 at 1015 when relays news from Karachi.

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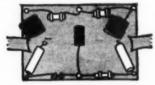
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later: frequency is listed 4.932 but seems as low as 4.913 at times.

DZH5, 9.690, "The Voice of the Catholic Philippines," University of Santo Tomas, Manila, was acquired from the Philippine Broadcasting Corporation on Sept. 17, 1950; staff consists of amateurs from the University and the station is non-commercial, existing for cultural, educational, and training purposes. DYH4, 6.055, broadcasts missionary programs 0500-1000 and is operated by Sillman University in Dumaguete City. (Cushen, N. Z., via WRH Bulletin)

ZNX32, Bridgetown, Barbados, used only on occasions to relay sports events, was heard recently on measured 7.547, closing down 1635. SABC's 25-m. outlet announced as 11.927 has been measured as 11.938 around 1430-1505 when closes. Although Pan-American Radio, Tangiers, announces 15.048, it has been measured 15.038 when signing off tests at 0832. (Catch, England)

The Short-Wave Station Free Russia," clandestine, operates on 45 meters daily 0630-0700; programs in Russian and German are dedicated to Underground organizations in the Red Army and in the Russian Zone of Germany.

APK3, 11.884, Karachi, Pakistan, noted with native music and leaving the air suddenly, without announce-ment, at 2125. ZBW3, 9.524, Hong Kong, noted with weather report 1029 and closing down with "God Save the King." (Russell, Calif.)

HI9B, 6,000, can be heard 1100-2030 in Spanish; QRA is HI9B, Broadcasting Hotel Mercedes, Santiago de Los Cabelleros, Dominican Republic. (Kroll,

Radio Eirrean, Dublin, "says" it is on 15.120 at 1710 and on 17.840 at 1330 with news; however, only the 1330 period on 17.84 is heard. (Peddle, Newfoundland)

Flavio Serrano, ISW monitor in Rio de Janeiro, is now employed by Radio Quitandinha, Petropolis, Brazil, in charge of correspondence between the station and its listeners; wants more reports from USA, with numerical ratings even if reception is poor. Serrano says Radio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, has a QSL card (sent along a sample) and wants reports; says an IRC is not necessary; when the new 50 kw. s.w. transmitter comes on the air in late 1951 or early 1952, the English program will be resumed; due to reduced QRM from Moscow on 9.72, PRL7 will remain there instead of moving to 9.505, as indicated earlier.

The new Chilean, CE1515, 15.15, is scheduled irregularly; heard as early as 0700 and as late as 2200; is "Radio Corporacion." (Serrano, Brazil) Has good signal in U.S.A.

Moscow frequencies now used to North America evenings are 11.89, 15.23, 9.76, 9.67, 7.28, 7.25, according to announcement; 6.010 has been dropped and 7.290 is not in use until 2100; others are used 1820-2300; the "Moscow Mailbag" is Saturdays 2100-2130. (Grischott, Calif.)

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Radio Nigeria, Lagos, Nigeria, is scheduled weekdays 0100-0215, 0600-1700: Sundays 0100-1700; frequencies are listed 6.035, 7.255, 9.655. (Fairs, England, via WRH Bulletin) It is doubtful that the three frequencies are used simultaneously.-KRB.

Radio Monte Carlo, 6.035, 9.785, again opens daily 0100; usually closes 1710 but some days runs to 1735; normally, there is a break (silent period) around 0820 to 1145 or 1200.

TFJ, 12.175, Reykjavik, Iceland, is still heard with native program on Sundays only 1115-1145. (Sutton, Ohio)

JKL, 4.860, AFRS station in Tokyo, noted ending news 0630, then music. (Oskay, N. J.)

Radio Tupi, ZYC9, 15.370, Rio de Janeiro, noted 1909-1930, weak; distorted at intervals: frequent announcements in Portuguese. (Patterson, Ga.)

According to various sources, these countries or territories are reported to keep some form of "summer" or "daylight-saving" time (i.e., clocks are advanced 1 hour from Standard Time)-Albania, Balearic Is., Bermuda, Brazil (around Dec.-March), British Columbia, Canada (varies locally), Chatham Is., China (varies), Dominican Republic, Eire, French Morocco, Gambia, Germany, Gibraltar, Gold Coast (1/2 hour from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1. annually). Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland (Republic of), Israel, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Libya, Monaco, Morocco (International Zone of), Newfoundland, Peru (Lima and Gallaeo area from Jan. 1 to March 15, annually), Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spanish Morocco, Syria, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States (some areas; varies locally). (Allen, Mass.)

Union Radio, Havana, noted on approximately 8.880 now. Belize, British Honduras, is noted irregularly on approximately 4.965; news around 1925. Radio Tananarive, 9.695, Madagascar, is now audible after 2230; also noted

from 2230 on 9.515. (Stark, Texas) A station identifying as "Radio Internacional de Guatemala" has been heard on 6.260 at 0230-0300 with popular Latin and American dance music; fair signal; no location given; Hong Kong, 9.525, noted with BBC news relay from London 0600; Radio Pakistan, 15.335, has news 2100, fair level. (Rosenauer, Calif.)

YNWA, 6.460, 5a. Calle N.O.Y. 5a. Av., Managua, Nicaragua, verified via airmaii; card (Gerran, N. Y.) airmail; card is red, white, and blue.

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THE second annual Armed Forces Day will be observed May 19, 1951. The Army, Navy and Air Force have jointly arranged a special program for the radio amateur fraternity.

A receiving competition, identical

with the one held last year will feature a message to the amateurs from the Secretary of Defense, broadcast on 12 military frequencies in International Morse Code, at 25 words-per-minute. Any listener may copy the broadcast and mail it to ARMED FORCES DAY CONTEST, Room 2B313, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. All who make perfect copies will receive a Certificate of Merit, attesting their code copying proficiency. The following times, call letters and frequencies will be employed for the Receiving Competition (Eastern Standard Time has been used throughout): 2000 EST—AIR (Air Force Radio, Washington, D. C.), 14,405, 20,994 kc.; NSS (Navy

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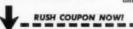
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